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Hundreds of people from across Karnataka thronged the Chief Minister's home office 'Krishna' in Bengaluru with their grievances on Monday as the first full-fledged Janaspandana in the second tenure of Siddaramaiah got under way. » PAGE 4

BBMP to set up climate action cell

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The BBMP will be setting up a climate action cell to facilitate effective implementation of the Bengaluru Climate Action and Resilience Plan. The civic body will be allocating necessary staff and resources to run the centre. » PAGE 3

Manual drilling on to reach stuck workers

'Rat mining' technique employed at the Silkyara tunnel collapse site; parts of 'broken' auger machine removed; vertical drilling reaches 36 metres

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

Obstacle course: A crane being used to lift a truck carrying a drill bit after it overturned on its way to Silkyara on Monday. PTI

Despite multiple setbacks, officials were hopeful of a breakthrough in their operation to rescue the 41 workers trapped in Silkyara tunnel in Uttarkashi, as manual horizontal drilling started on Monday.

Madras Sappers, an engineering group of the Corps of Engineers of the Indian Army, is overseeing the digging operation which employs "rat mining" technique to remove debris. Civilians experienced in rat-hole mining are assisting the Sappers in the process.

Simultaneously, vertical drilling too was carried out, and it reached a depth of 36 metres by 7 p.m. Rescuers need to drill through 86 metres of mountain vertically, while manual horizontal drilling must be undertaken for a further 10-12 metres and a length of 0.9 metres was covered on Monday.

Uttarakhand Government Secretary Neeraj Khairwal told pressperson that after over three days, all the parts of the "broken" auger machine were removed and manual drilling had started.

"After we removed the auger, it was found that the device had also damaged 1.9 metres of pipe. We managed to cut that out too. The rat miners covered 0.9 metres which is obviously the part where the broken auger was stuck," said Mr. Khairwal.

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EC stops Telangana farmer aid scheme

Sreeparna Chakrabarty
NEW DELHI

A farmer shows cash received from Telangana's Rythu Bandhu scheme. FILE PHOTO

The Election Commission (EC) on Monday withdrew permission for the Rythu Bandhu scheme of the Telangana government citing violation of the model code of conduct. In its order, the poll body withdrew the permission citing violation of the same by State Finance Minister T. Harish Rao.

Mr. Rao had made a statement that money would be disbursed under the Rythu Bandhu scheme on November 28. The Assembly election in Telangana will be held on November 30.

Under the Rythu Bandhu scheme, financial assistance is directly transferred to each farmer's account per season towards meeting the cost of inputs and other initial needs.

The Congress had filed a complaint with the EC last week seeking an order to stop the ruling Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) from using Rythu Bandhu in their election campaign.

On November 25, the EC allowed disbursement of Rabi season instalment under the scheme on certain conditions – no publicity should be made in this regard, no public function should be organised for disbursement, and no political functionary should be involved in the process of disbursement.

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Gaza truce extended by two days: Qatar

Agence France-Presse
DOHA

A humanitarian pause in fighting between Israel and Hamas will be extended by two days, Qatar said on Monday as the four-day truce was set to expire.

"The State of Qatar announces that, as part of the ongoing mediation, an agreement has been reached to extend the humanitarian truce for an additional two days in the Gaza Strip," Qatari Foreign Ministry spokesman Majed Al Ansari announced.

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Circular rail network around city proposed

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

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A BG-BGE

After a meteoric rise and a slump in form, Padikkal is back to square one

The stylish Karnataka batter, now starting from scratch with a new IPL franchise — Lucknow Super Giants — is looking to get into the reckoning for India; the only difference is while was an opener in 2019, he is a teamman this time, learning to be flexible and confident to assert himself to suit the situation

VIJAY SONEJI

Abhishek Saini
AHMEDABAD

When Devdutt Padikkal ended his maiden List A tournament – the Vijay Hazare Trophy 2019 – as its highest run-getter, he had little inkling of the morphosis awaiting. It was four years in the making, took him through the national team and three Indian Premier League franchises, and left him back where he started, only wiser and better adept.

His first forays in domestic cricket and the IPL made headlines. The rapid climb started with 609 runs in the Vijay Hazare trophy, followed by his IPL debut in 2020 with Royal Challengers Bangalore. Padikkal slotted in with ease, scoring 473 runs as an opener with Aaron Finch. Next year, Padikkal entered the exclusive club of IPL centurions at just 20.

As often happens with IPL sensations, the India call-up came knocking. Padikkal was part of the touring team for Sri Lanka, where he played two T20Is in July 2021. A year later, he got rewarded handsomely when Rajasthan Royals paid ₹7.75 crores for his services in the auction.

At Royals, Padikkal's remodelling began when he was handed a makeshift role lower down the order that oscillated between No.3 and No. 4. In the seven innings where he was accommodated at the top, Padikkal could only muster 134 runs at 19.14. Outside the opening role, Padikkal scored 242 runs in 10 innings. The glaring inefficiency pointed out was his inability to inject momentum in the middle, most notably through the playoffs when he scored 39 runs in three innings at a strike rate below 100.

"Cricket has evolved in a manner that every batter has to be able to bat in any position. I enjoy that challenge," Padikkal said.

By now, it was evident the India call-up was a standalone occurrence too. Shikhar Dhawan's exit vacated a spot but Shubman Gill and Ishan Kishan were ahead in the queue.

Scattered role

In 2023, Padikkal's role with RR was scattered across the middle-order once more. This time there was a slender uptick in the strike rate which touched 130. He notched two fifties at one-down to finish the tournament with 261 runs in 11 essays. However, the overall modest returns convinced the team to trade Padikkal to Lucknow Super Giants for Avesh Khan. Yashasvi Jaiswal's meteoric rise did not help Padikkal's case either.

Just days after the news of his trade, Padikkal was back to where it all started, at the Vijay Hazare Trophy, in a backdrop similar to 2019 – starting from scratch with a new IPL franchise and looking to get into the reckoning for India. The only difference – Padikkal, in 2019, was an opener; this time, he is a teamman, learning to be flexible enough, and, in equal proportion, confident enough to assert himself to suit the situation.

"[In] The last couple of years, I have played in different positions and that helps when you are batting in the middle overs. There are options that open when you are more experienced in batting in that position," Padikkal said.

His two innings in the Vijay Hazare Trophy this year have been of striking contrast. Against Jammu & Kashmir, he walked in at 267 for one in the 38th over, while he was called in in the first over against Uttarakhand. "The first game, we were in a good position and I had to just go out there and ensure our total was the highest. Today, we lost a wicket in the first over and I had to consolidate. There was a little bit happening, it is always like that here in the morning. It was not that easy and I just wanted to make sure that we did not lose too many wickets early on," Padikkal told *Sportstar* after the game against Uttarakhand.

Padikkal aced the test on both occasions, getting a blitzkrieg-like 35-ball 71 in the first and a more sedate 122-ball 117 in the second. He took on the bowlers against J&K and negotiated the early swing against Uttarakhand with equal aplomb.

The morphosis which once left Padikkal looking out of place, now appears to be nearing its final phase. "There are lots of things that I have learned over the past couple of years," Padikkal said.

Padikkal's last appearance in the Vijay Hazare Trophy was in 2020 (held in March 2021) when he scored 737 runs at 147.40. His nick in 2023 hints at a similar run haul. The last one aided his entry into the national side. Padikkal is counting on this to do the same.

"You always want to play for your country, and that continues to be my aspiration. All I can do is perform at this level and hopefully they will see what I am doing. Hopefully, I will get that chance again. But at the end of the day that is not in my hands. I have to continue to work hard and put in the performances," Padikkal said.

THE GIST

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Three things that came to the fore in the 2023 Formula One season

Agence France-Presse
ABU DHABI

A season of 21 wins in 22 races proved that Red Bull was, and will probably remain, the dominant standard-setters in Formula One following Max Verstappen's record-breaking victory in Sunday's Abu Dhabi Grand Prix.

His 54th career triumph left rivals comparing the task of catching him with climbing Mount Everest.

These are the three things that came to the fore in the season:

Red Bull design advantage

"This car will go down in history, for a considerable period, as the most successful in Formula One history," said Red Bull team boss Christian Horner after completing Sunday's race with an avalanche of records for Verstappen and his team.

"To win 21 out of 22 is insanity and for Max to have led more than 1,000 laps, won 19 races," he added, before listing the statistical achievements after a year of unprecedented hegemony by one marque.

But a key man was omitted from the fanfares – Red Bull's technical boss and chief designer Adrian Newey, an engineer whose feats in F1 have made him not only a 'godfather of ground effect' but a legendary guru of the sport.

His flair and excellence, as expressed in the RB19 machine, almost guarantees more sustained success with the RB20 in Verstappen's hands next year.

His career speaks for itself: in the last 30 years, with Williams, McLaren and Red Bull, his cars have won 12 drivers' and 11 constructors' titles – and Red Bull has won 38 of 43 races since the return of 'ground effect' last season.

With Verstappen at the wheel, Red Bull will look unbeatable again as Newey, who wrote his university thesis on ground effect aerodynamics, delivers a revised car.

Cracker of a season: The highlight has been Verstappen and Red Bull's utter dominance. GETTY IMAGES

McLaren likeliest challengers

Mercedes team chief Toto Wolff compared the size of the task to climbing Everest, but it could have been anyone from Ferrari, McLaren, Mercedes or Aston Martin assessing the challenge of catching Red Bull.

Only Ferrari, with a Carlos Sainz victory in Singapore, was able to break the Milton Keynes team's stranglehold this year but, like the rest, it could not mount a sustained run of form to build a challenge.

A rejuvenated two-time champion Fernando Alonso brought early-season hope to Aston Martin and seven-time champion Lewis Hamilton swung from despondent to dreamy in Mercedes' capricious W14.

Only McLaren, with a surge of form following a mid-season upgrade, offered real resistance though Ferrari also improved in the closing months.

"Red Bull started with these regulations in 2022 with a massive advantage and was able to maintain it," said Wolff. "You have to respect their achievements on the engineering side and the driver – so beating them under these regulations is against the odds." But he promised his team's return to the drawing board would "come up with something new".

"There is a key to unlock dramatically better performance," he said in the hope that Mercedes engineers can locate both lock and key.

After a first winless season for 12 years and two years after Hamilton's last victory, Mercedes finished 413 points behind Red Bull.

Respect for cunning fox Alonso

At the age of 42, Fernando Alonso showed boyish enthusiasm on Sunday as he secured fourth place in the drivers' championship with a crafty drive including a slowdown trick that left Hamilton bemused.

"Lewis obviously is very clever, understands the sport really, really good and has a lot of experience," said the Spaniard. "But I have more!"

His trick earned him an advantage that carried him to seventh as Hamilton, who will be 39 in January, finished ninth. But both proved worthy of a place on a grid filled with much younger men.

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Bengaluru	27	20

Bengaluru Today
28°C Morning will be pleasant. Day will be comfortable but humid. Night also will be pleasant. Spell of light rain and thundershower to occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
29°C The weather will be slight warm and humid. Night also will be pleasant. Spell of light rain and thundershower is a chance.

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287-km circular rail network to come up on city outskirts

Bengaluru is a global city and the world is watching its development and this project has a ring railway kind of system, which will provide complete connectivity to the city as it grows in the next 30 to 40 years, says Railway Minister

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

To curb traffic problems in the city, the Ministry of Railways has proposed to develop a circular rail network of around 287 km on the outskirts of Bengaluru.

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After a review meeting with department officials here on Monday, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said: "The Union government has already released ₹7 crore for conducting a pre-feasibility study and an alignment study. After, that the detailed project report (DPR) and spot survey of the project will be done. While the suburban railway project is being executed by a joint venture of the Centre and the State, the circular railway and the augmentation of all the parts coming in and going out of the city will be done by the Railway Ministry."

Minister of Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw, P.C. Mohan, MP, and Sanjeev Kishore, General Manager, South Western Railway, addressing a press conference in Bengaluru on Monday. JAYANTH V.

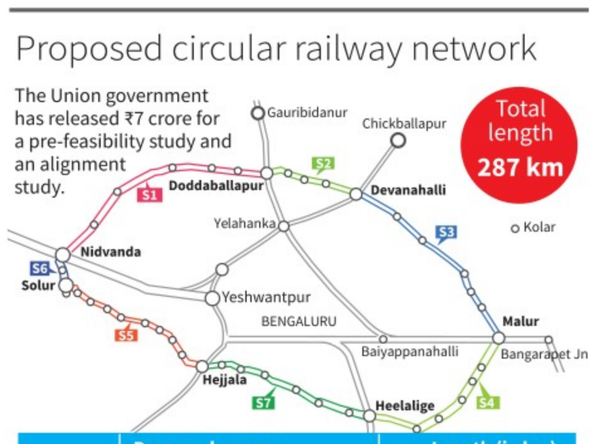
"Bengaluru is a global city and the world is watching its development. We are thinking of the development of the city considering 40 to 50 years from now. We are planning to execute circular railway for this city. This project has a ring railway kind of system, which will provide complete connectivity to the city as it grows in the next 30 to 40 years. It has 10 inward connections and one complete ring with a 287-km long network. The project is still in the survey stage," he explained.

Suburban project
Speaking about the progress of the suburban railway project, he said: "The suburban railway project is very important for Bengaluru. Whatever needs to be done, we should do it with full emphasis and full focus to implement this project effectively. The officials of the Rail Infrastructure Development Company(Karnataka) Limited (KRIDE) have confirmed that the funds will be released by the end of this year."

Asked about the delay in implementation, he said: "The KRIDE is a joint venture of the State government and the Ministry of Railways. The State officer has brought to my notice that there is a serious issue about the technical capability. It is a very technical project and it needs deep technical knowledge. I will take up this matter with the State government," he told.

"The project is also one of the projects which was neglected by the previous UPA government. But, after 2014, so much has happened. At least today, we are seeing the first corridor of the project. The Union government is fully committed to this project, what the honourable Prime Minister promised to this city. We should rise above politics and make sure the people get the facility. The project will be completed as early as possible," Mr.Vaishnaw added.

He further said the progress of quadrupling of the railway line between Bengaluru and Whitefield is going well. "Terminal facilities have been created at Bengaluru Cantonment with four additional platforms. This will help us to start the new services. The progress of redevelopment of Yeshwantpur railway station is also going well. We will complete all these projects within the time frame."



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S7	Hejjala-Heelalige	42.0

Nursery school building collapses in Cooke Town

The collapse of the 70-year-old building also damaged three vehicles parked adjacent to it. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A nursery school belonging to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) in Cooke Town collapsed and three vehicles parked adjacent to the building were damaged early on Monday.

Residents woke up to the sound of the building crumbling down and alerted the control room. BBMP officials reached the spot and roped in an excavator to clear the debris. As the incident occurred in the early hours, no one was present in the school, residents said.

The ground-plus-one-storey building was around 70 years old. Around 90 children were enrolled in the school and 70 of them were regulars.

The residents alleged that the school was in a dilapidated condition and many complaints had been raised to repair the building. They also alleged that the stormwater drain adjacent to the building was overflowing and had weakened the structure

The school staff said that there was a proposal to shift the school after considering the condition of the building.

Rizwan Arshad, Shivajinagar MLA, told *The Hindu* that the school will be shifted to a nearby mosque until the new building is constructed.

He added that the area has many schools, a library, a community hall, and even markets earmarked for renovation, of which the nursery was also on the list.

Family of five found dead in Tumakuru

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A kebab vendor and his family, including his wife and three minor children, were found dead in their house at Sadashivanagar in Tumakuru on Sunday.

The deceased have been identified as Gareeb Saab, 36, Sumaiyya, 32, Hajira, 14, Mohammad Shabhan, 10, and Mohammad Muneer, 8.

According to the police, in a video recorded on his mobile phone, Gareeb alleged that moneylenders had harassed, humiliated, and verbally abused him to repay loans. He had shared the video with his friends and relatives.

The police shifted the bodies for post-mortem and also detained five people for questioning.

Action ordered
On Monday, Home Minister G. Parameshwara visited the hospital and spoke to the relatives of the deceased. He directed the police to take strict action against moneylenders to prevent such incidents.

(Those in distress or those having suicidal tendencies can call Arogya Sahayavani Ph.: 104 for help)

Man hacks uncle to death

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 50-year-old man was hacked to death allegedly by his nephew over a drunken brawl at Cholashettihalli in Gauribidanur on Monday morning.

The deceased was identified as Ramakrishna, a local political activist. He was walking home after getting milk from a dairy when the accused, identified as Nagaraj, confronted him with a machete and hacked him to death on the road, said the police.

The police shifted the body for post-mortem and tracked down the accused within a few hours of the incident.

A probe revealed that the duo had a party the previous night and Nagaraj nurtured a grudge against his uncle for getting him arrested in two theft cases registered in the Gudibande police station, said the police.

After getting drunk, the duo had heated arguments and Ramakrishna left for home early in the morning. Nagaraj followed him and allegedly hacked him to death, a police officer said.

Text & Context and Science

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Kadalekai Parishe back in Malleswaram from December 2 to 4

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The seventh Malleswaram Kadalekai Parishe will be organised from December 2 to 4 at the Kadumalleshwara Swamy Temple.

The Kadumalleshwara Friends' Association has been organising this every year to bring the popular and historical Bengaluru Kadalekai Parishe to North Bengaluru.

A 21-foot Nandi statue made of 800 kg of groundnut will be set up at the temple to celebrate the event. Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar is set to inaugurate the fair. Minister of Transport Ramalinga Reddy, Congress leader B.K. Hariprasad, and C.N. Ashwath Narayan, MLA, will also be in attendance.

The Kadumalleshwara Friends' Association has been organising this every year to bring the popular and historical Bengaluru Kadalekai Parishe to North Bengaluru. FILE PHOTO

Around 200 to 300 stalls by farmers from Tumakuru, Kolar, Hassan, Chickballapur, Mysuru, and Mandya will be set up at the fair selling both organic and hybrid groundnuts, and around 3 lakh people are expected to visit over three days.

There will be cultural attractions including a performance by an all-female Yakshagana troupe. All performers and chief guests will be felicitated with groundnut baskets. They will also be planting 50 saplings in the area under the 'Hasiru Chaitanyotsava' programme, in collaboration with schools and other local social welfare organisations.

Lessons learnt from polio eradication programme can help improve ROP services in India: Lancet paper

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

Highlighting the success of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), doctors from Narayana Nethralaya and the University of Western Australia have said that lessons learnt from this initiative can help improve retinopathy of prematurity (ROP) services in India. A paper on this titled *Retinopathy of prematurity in India: what can we learn from the polio legacy* was recently published in Lancet Regional Health - Southeast Asia.

ROP is a serious condition that affects the vision of premature infants, and in severe cases, it can lead to permanent blindness if not identified and treated on time. In India, where over 3.5 million pre-term infants are born each year, there are significant challenges in addressing ROP due to limited resources, lack of awareness among healthcare professionals and the public, and a vast at-risk population.

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative was a global effort to eradicate polio, which was once a major health threat in many countries, including India. FILE PHOTO

Co-authored by doctors Sam Athikarisamy and Sanjay Patole from the University of Western Australia, Perth, and Anand Vinekar from Narayana Nethralaya, who is the director of the Karnataka Internet-assisted Diagnosis of ROP (KIDROP), the Lancet article highlights the lessons that can be emulated from the successful GPEI to improve ROP services in India.

The GPEI was a global effort to eradicate polio, which was once a major health threat in many countries, including India. The initiative involved mobilising political and social support, strategic planning and policy development, partnership management and donor coordination, programme operations and tactics, and oversight and independent monitoring. By applying these strategies, the GPEI was able to significantly reduce the number of polio cases and bring the disease close to eradication.

Drawing on the success of the GPEI, the authors have proposed a similar comprehensive approach to address the challenges of ROP in India.

Prevention
Elaborating on the article, Dr. Vinekar told *The Hindu* that the impact of untreated ROP can lead to permanent blindness with severe consequences for the affected child, family, and society.

"ROP can be prevented through primary prevention measures such as reducing preterm births, improving neonatal practices such as nutrition and sepsis prevention, and ensuring proper oxygen stewardship. However, the unavailability of necessary equipment such as oxygen blenders and saturation monitors in many Special Newborn Care Units (SNCUs) is a barrier," he asserted.

The authors proposed that "the future of neonatal care should prioritise safe delivery of oxygen through blenders and monitoring equipment, as well as an in-built referral system for ROP screening". They suggested that "these features should be included as part of the commissioning process."

"Preventing blindness due to ROP will require a public health crusade, much like the one against polio. To further address the challenges of ROP in India, the article calls for more commitment and coordination from the government, NGOs, and professional organizations, as well as from healthcare professionals including obstetricians, pediatricians, neonatologists, and ophthalmologists," Dr. Vinekar pointed out.

Techie held for using friend's e-ticket to get into airport

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Security personnel caught a 26-year-old software engineer for using the e-ticket of her friend to get into the airport terminal to see off the friend on Sunday.

The accused, Harpeet Kaur Saini, working in an IT firm, has been handed over to the airport police, who have booked her under forgery and taken her into custody for questioning.

Inquiries revealed that Harpeet had come to drop her friend off at the airport who had booked a flight to Ranchi.

After her friend got inside the airport, Harpeet allegedly tampered with the e-ticket of her friend and got into the airport to meet her friend again.

Detailed questioning led her to confess to the crime.

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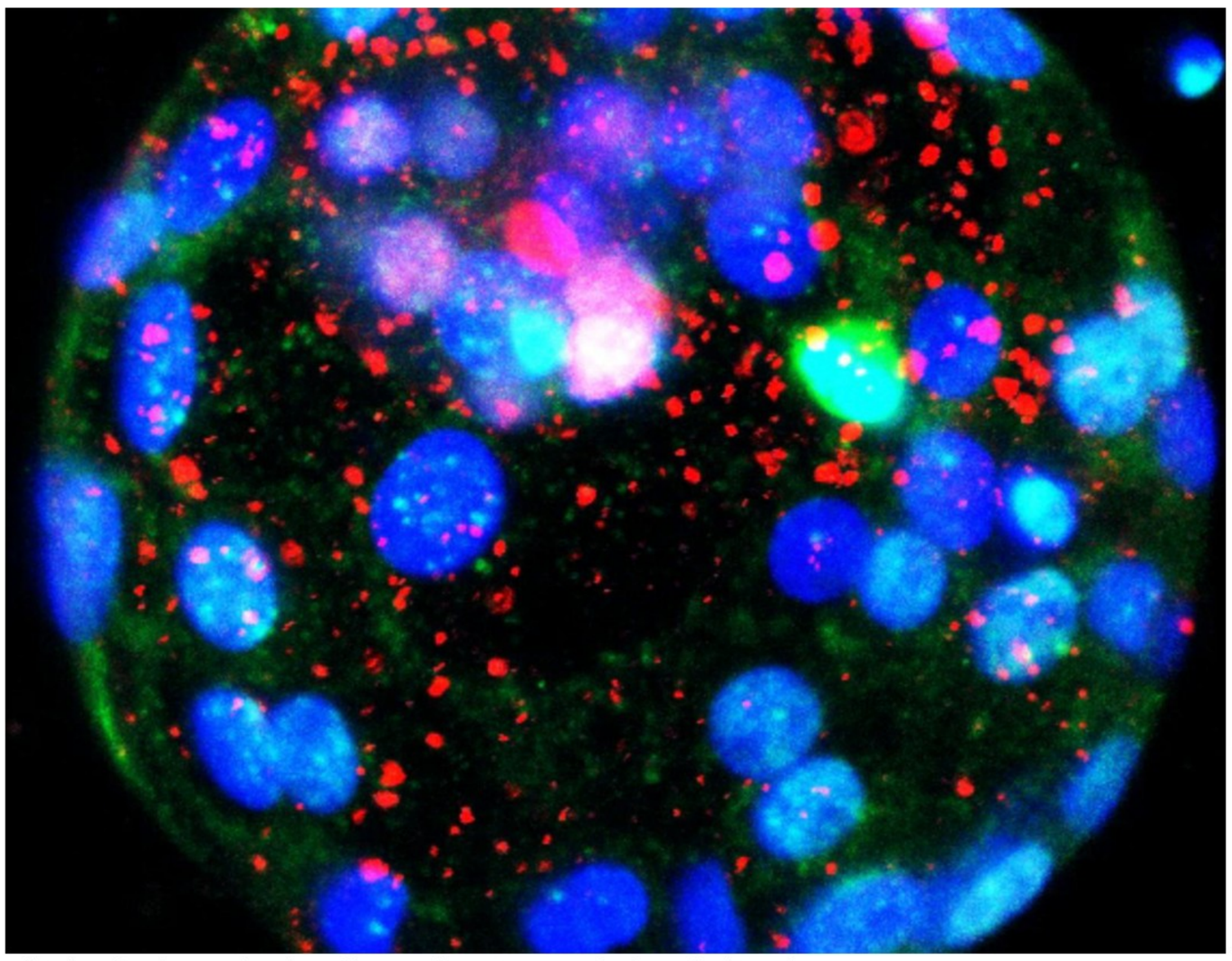
The mechanism that removes unfit cells before you're born

In 2016, Manvendra Singh reanalysed previously published gene expression data from an early human embryo, and spotted a new group of cells that hadn't been seen before. These cells didn't become a part of the later stages of the embryo and were eliminated early in development

Rohini Subrahmanyam



Cells in the early embryo: In red are those of the inner cell mass; in green are the damaged or dying cells. THOMAS WIDMANN (CC BY)

Let's take a trip back in time, to when you were just made up of a single cell. The sperm from your father and the egg from your mother will have just fused, forming a single-celled zygote. This zygote is now going to keep multiplying to form many cells, marking the start of embryonic development.

At some point, this mass of cells, making up the early embryo, will have implanted in your mother's womb and begun to grow bigger. The cells will also have started to differentiate, transforming into all the different kinds of cells that make up who we are - skin, muscles, nerves, etc. Over time, the cells will also have developed into heart, lungs, the brain, and so forth. Finally, a whole nine months later, you will have been born, as a fully formed human baby.

In the early stages of the human embryo, before it has implanted in the mother's womb, the cells arrange themselves in a particular way. A blob of cells gathers towards one side of the embryo and the other cells arrange themselves around this blob. This blob is called the inner cell mass. It contains cells with the ability to make all the other types of cells in the human body - i.e. the cells in this blob are *pluripotent*. Since a whole human body takes shape from this blob, scientists are naturally very interested in studying it in detail.

One way that scientists study cells is by looking at the kinds of proteins the genes in the cells can make. That is, they look at gene expression data. With this, they can see which genes are on or off in each of the cells they study.

The inner cell mass

In 2016, Manvendra Singh, then a graduate student with Zsuzsanna Izsvak at the Max Delbrück Center for Molecular Medicine in Berlin, reanalysed previously published gene expression data from an early human embryo, and was surprised.

Among the cells of the inner cell mass, he found a new group of cells that hadn't been seen before. These cells were non-committed: they did not become a part of the later stages of the embryo. They seemed to get eliminated early on in development, compared to the other inner cell mass cells, which went on to make the developing embryo. What are these dying cells in the developing human embryo, and why do they die so young?

A 2014 study from Dr. Izsvak's lab had shown that human embryonic stem cells express a gene called HERVH, a virus-like gene that's important in maintaining pluripotency. Based on his analysis of the gene expression data in 2016, Dr. Singh found that most of the inner cell mass cells also express HERVH - but not the non-committed cells that eventually die.

"We found that, in the inner cell mass, the real pluripotent stem cells, they are marked by HERVH. There is also a separate group of cells that are not committing to any lineage, which are dying and eliminated out of development," Dr. Singh said. Collaborators in the University of Spain verified these results and found these dying cells in fertilised embryos (in the lab).

Jumping genes

Dr. Singh and the team continued working on this new non-committed cell type in the lab, but they didn't use human embryos. Instead, they used human embryonic stem-cell lines - cells that could mimic the early stages of the human embryo. They found that the non-committed cells, which don't express HERVH, actually express transposons, a.k.a. "jumping genes", dangerous little pieces of DNA that can insert themselves into different regions of the genome, damaging it and leading to cell death. The DNA damage caused by the transposons leads to these cells dying out early.

Initially, at the beginning of development, all the cells of the inner cell mass express these potentially dangerous transposons, but very soon, most of the cells express HERVH. Through a series of experiments, the researchers found that HERVH actually ends up protecting the cells from the damage inflicted by the jumping genes, kickstarting a protective mechanism that prevents the transposons from getting expressed in most cells. But some cells - the non-committed ones - don't express HERVH, and are killed off by the uncontrolled transposon activity.

These findings were recently published in the journal *PLoS Biology*.

'A selection arena'

"It's an interesting paper because it attempts to see the invisible, a transient cell population doomed to elimination," said Cedric Feschotte, a professor in Molecular Biology and Genetics in Cornell University and Dr. Singh's subsequent postdoctoral advisor. "The existence of this cell population could have been easily overlooked because of the death of the cells."

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The authors call the early human embryo a 'selection arena': where the cells that survive express HERVH and the cells that don't become damaged and die. Just like different animals compete to survive in the wild, it appears that even early cells in the developing human embryo play a carefully coordinated game to decide which cells win or lose the race to survive.

"The cells [expressing HERVH] are the winners, and that's why we call it an arena, they are able to control them [transposable elements]," said Dr. Izsvak. "By the end of the game, we have a battlefield, we have the 'good' cells that will form the embryo, and the 'bad' cells will be destroyed by cell death."

HERVH itself is also a transposon but without the ability to jump. Instead, it plays a protective role.

"One family of transposons protects our early embryonic cells from dying, which were dying because of another set of transposons which are mutagenic, which causes DNA damage," Dr. Singh added.

"Life and death are both owed to two families of transposons, and I think that is very exciting."

A small price to pay

In the early embryo, when the cells form the inner cell mass and other cells surround it, the latter eventually form the placenta. The placenta is a structure that attaches to the wall of the uterus, near the developing fetus, and helps move oxygen and nutrients from the mother to it.

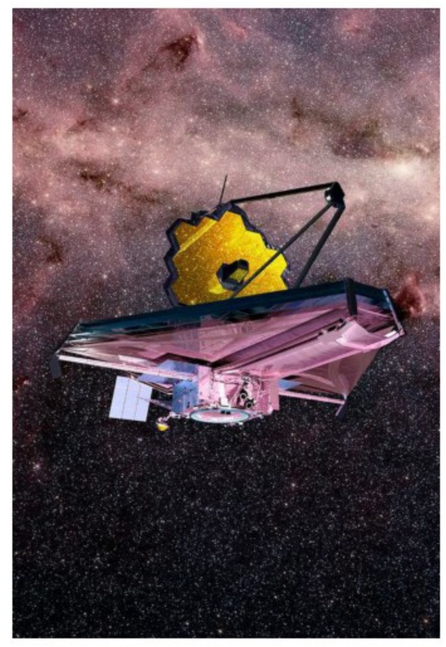
Dr. Singh found that the cells that form the placenta also express transposon activity that could cause DNA damage. But somehow, even though these cells don't express the protective HERVH, they are more tolerant of the transposons, and don't die.

But it comes at a cost: cells of the placenta are different from other cells of the baby. Dr. Singh said "it will be discarded after childbirth, so the cost of the placenta is least to the organism."

Scientists already know that HERVH plays a role in the pluripotency of stem cells, so it already has major implications for regenerative medicine. Based on their results, the authors also suggest that it could play a role in the fitness of the early embryo.

As HERVH is expressed in the "good" cells, it follows that healthier embryos should ideally have more of these good cells and less of the non-committed cells. The authors speculate that perhaps reducing transposon activity in the early embryo could affect its fitness, with implications for infertility treatment and in-vitro fertilisation techniques.

(Rohini Subrahmanyam is a freelance journalist.)



An artist's image of the James Webb Space Telescope in outer space. GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

Webb space telescope spots 'teenage' galaxies

Reuters

Since becoming operational last year, the James Webb Space Telescope has made groundbreaking observations involving some of the universe's earliest galaxies.

But Webb has obtained even better data on galaxies a bit further along in development. Astronomers call these the galactic "teenagers". As new research shows, they resemble human teenagers in certain respects, including by displaying growth spurts along with a bit of immaturity.

The researchers focused on galaxies that formed about 2-3 billion years after the Big Bang (roughly 13.8 billion years ago). The study averaged data obtained by Webb on light across various wavelengths emanating from 23 such galaxies –their "chemical DNA" –to paint a composite picture of teenage galactic characteristics.

"These teenage galaxies have very unique chemical DNA, which indicates that they have formed a decent number of stars but still growing rapidly," said Allison Strom, a professor of physics and astronomy at Northwestern University in Illinois and lead author of the study, published this week in the *Astrophysical Journal Letters*.

Gas detected in star-forming regions of teenage galaxies was much hotter, at about 13,350 degrees C, than observed in galaxies today

These galaxies don't yet look or act the way galaxies do today, according to the researchers.

"They go through some important processes around this time –many of which we don't yet understand and hope to soon understand better –which sets what type of galaxy they will become," said astronomer and study co-leader Gwen Rudie of Carnegie Observatories in California.

The gas detected in star-forming regions of teenage galaxies was much hotter, at about 13,350 degrees C, than observed in galaxies today.

"The temperature in these parts of galaxies is dominated by the young stars and the properties of the gas, so finding a different temperature means that there is something different about the stars and gas in the teenage galaxies," Dr. Strom said.

The galaxies were observed glowing with eight elements –hydrogen, helium, oxygen, nitrogen, sulfur, argon, nickel, and silicon.

"Oxygen is noteworthy because it's one of the most important components of 'galaxy DNA,' in terms of tracking past growth. Incidentally, oxygen is also the third-most abundant element in the universe, behind hydrogen and helium," Dr. Strom said.

"The nickel was surprising because, even though we expected some amount ... might be present, it usually does not glow brightly enough to see it even in very-nearby galaxies," Dr. Strom added. "So seeing it was a surprise and may indicate that there is something different about the massive stars that cause the gas to glow."

THE SCIENCE QUIZ

The volcanoes of Iceland

Vasudevan Mukunth

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QUESTION 1

Name the volcano that erupted in 1783 near the Vatnajokull glacier, notable for spewing an enormous amount of lava. It altered the local climate to such an extent that around 25% of the country's population at the time died as a result.

QUESTION 2

X last erupted in 2011. At the time, it was the largest in Iceland in half a century, and the ash it blew out dispersed out to Scotland and England. X is also Iceland's most active volcano. Name X.

QUESTION 3

Scientists classified the eruption of X (in the previous question) as a Plinian eruption, also known as _____ eruptions because of the similarity of their features to a famous eruption in 79 AD that destroyed the cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum in Rome. These eruptions have powerful bursts of gas, and shoot volcanic material up into the stratosphere. Fill in the blank.

QUESTION 4

In 2010, the _____ ice cap had three months of volcanic activity during which a volcano released copious amounts of ash, so much so that it disrupted air travel to an extent second only to the Second World War. Fill in the blank.

QUESTION 5

In October and then November this year, seismologists detected several earthquakes a few kilometres under the surface near the Svartsengi volcanic system. By November 10, they had recorded more than 20,000 tremors. The Iceland Meteorological Office said an eruption was imminent. Name the town that Iceland evacuated as a precaution.

Answers to November 23 quiz:

1. Name of H_20 in the IUPAC naming scheme – **Ans: Oxidane**
2. Slow-weather mineral used to study water's history on the earth – **Ans: Zircon**
3. Water phase transition used in freeze-drying – **Ans: Sublimation**
4. What water molecules do when they absorb redder light – **Ans: Vibrate**
5. Valleys in Antarctica that are one of the driest places on the earth – **Ans: McMurdo Dry Valleys**

Visual: **Europa**

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Visual: _____ (shown above) is a rare tuya volcano: a volcano active at the same time it had glacier cover. This one is in Vatnajokull National Park. Fill in the blank. ICEMUON (CC BY-SA 3.0)

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Christ university leadership institute to be inaugurated today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Christ university in Bengaluru has established a state-of-the-art leadership institute to serve the growing and changing needs of higher education leadership in India and South Asia.

The institute will be inaugurated on Tuesday at the School of Architecture, Christ (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru, Kengeri Campus.

As many as 40 principals and Higher Education leaders from across the country will attend the inaugural seminar to be held between November 28 and 30, a release stated.

Civic body to set up action cell to battle climate change

BBMP will allocate necessary staff and resources for the centre; its task will be to work towards reducing emission of greenhouse gases by 16% before 2030, 26% by 2040, and 56% by 2050

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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) will be setting up a climate action cell (CAC) to facilitate effective implementation of the Bengaluru Climate Action and Resilience Plan (BCAP). The civic body will be allocating necessary staff and resources to run the centre.

This was said by the BBMP after launching the BCAP report on Monday. The report has identified priority sectors for action orientation to reduce emission of greenhouse gases (GHG) in accordance with the Paris agreement.

About 269 different actions have been planned to mitigate climate change in the city, of which the BBMP will be responsible for executing 143.

Bengaluru is a co-lead of the Global Air Quality Network for the C40 cities global network. The other cities which are part of the network are Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai, and Ahmedabad.

At a glance

Bengaluru's carbon footprint - **18.7 million metric tonnes** of CO2e

Per person - **1.84 tonnes** of CO2e

Priority sectors
- Energy and buildings
- Transportation
- Solid waste
- Air quality

Hazards
- Urban flooding
- Urban heat
- Drought
- Thunderstorms and lightning
- Air pollution

About 269 different actions have been planned to mitigate climate change in the city. FILE PHOTO

As part of the signatory of the C40 cities, the commitment from the cities is to reduce carbon dioxide (CO_2) emissions by 2030 and achieve carbon neutrality by 2050. For the same, the World Resource Institute (WRI) was appointed as global consultant to prepare the BCAP for 2050.

The WRI in Bengaluru consulted 25 different stakeholders including the BBMP, Bescom, BMTC, BMRCL, BWSSB, the Transport Department, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, the State Disaster Management, Bangalore Development Authority, and others.

According to excerpts from the report, the climate and environmental hazards identified are urban flooding, urban heat, drought, thunderstorms and lightning, and air pollution.

The report said: "Bengaluru experiences two major climate extremities, rainfall and air temperature. This manifests into different climatic hazards. In addition, air pollution, an associated anthropologic environmental hazard, is impacting residents' health and productivity."

The task of the BBMP's CAC is to work towards reducing the GHG emissions by 16% before 2030, 26% by 2040, and 56% by 2050. This is compared to the 2019 baseline.

As per the 2019 baseline, Bengaluru's carbon footprint was estimated at 18.7 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO_2e), which works to around 1.8 tonnes of CO_2e per person.

About 68% GHG is emitted by stationary energy, 21% by transportation, and 11% by waste.

The pathway scenario and climate change risk vulnerability assessment done under the BCAP establishes an evidence base on which the city can set its mitigation, adaptation and resilience targets.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Loud speakers removed from public places in U.P.

3,000 Sound amplifiers or loudspeakers installed at public and religious places in Uttar Pradesh were found to be violating prescribed norms and were removed on Monday. PTI

The people killed due to lightning strikes in Gujarat

20 The fatalities were attributed to lightning strikes during unseasonal rainfall which battered the State. The rains were being caused due to a cyclonic circulation over the Arabian sea and adjoining Saurashtra and Kutch regions. PTI

Number of Taiwanese soldiers charged with spying for China

10 Former and current Taiwanese military officers were indicted for allegedly spying for Beijing. This indictment was the latest in a string of spying cases on the island. Last month, a retired air force colonel was sentenced to 20 years in prison for spying. AFP

The cost of the refinery proposal approved by Sri Lanka

4.5 In $ billion. Sri Lanka approved a proposal by China's Sinopec to build a $4.5 billion refinery, making it the largest single investment in the island nation since the economic crisis last year. China is also Sri Lanka's biggest bilateral lender. REUTERS

Days for which Imran Khan is sent to judicial remand

14 A Pakistani accountability court sent ex-PM Imran Khan on a judicial remand in a corruption case. Mr. Khan has been incarcerated in the high-security jail in Rawalpindi since September 26 in various cases. PTI

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Can dollarisation save an economy?

Javier Milei, the recent winner of Argentina's presidential election, has drawn attention for his unconventional policies, one of them being the plan to replace the country's currency of peso with the dollar. While the experiences of some countries hold out promise, there are multiple challenges as well

ECONOMIC NOTES

Rahul Menon

Another election, another victory for the global right. Javier Milei, the recent winner of Argentina's presidential election, has drawn attention for his unconventional and worrying views, such as his opposition to abortion and his ambivalent attitude towards the torture and undemocratic excesses of Argentina's military government.

Mr. Milei's economic proposals have also drawn much debate and scrutiny. The self-confessed "anarcho-capitalist" pledged in his campaign to replace Argentina's currency – the peso – with the dollar, to eliminate the Central Bank and to slash government spending. Suffering under inflation in excess of 100%, and with nearly two-thirds of the population falling below the poverty level as purchasing power of wages and salaries have eroded, the electorate has chosen to throw their weight behind Mr. Milei's idiosyncratic policy proposals.

However, the president-elect has already begun walking back on some of his campaign promises, claiming dollarisation as a "medium-term" goal and ruling out the immediate lifting of currency controls when he takes office. Whether dollarisation can be achieved immediately and painlessly is an important question, given the scarcity of dollar reserves with the Argentinian Central Bank. Regardless, the question of whether dollarisation is a solution to an economy undergoing runaway inflation is an important one.

Why dollarisation?

Dollarisation can act as a solution to hyperinflation by breaking the feedback link between rising prices and rising money supply. If the domestic currency is replaced by dollars, so the theory goes, money supply can no longer be controlled by vested political interests who can increase spending for political ends. The incessant rise of prices would be forced to moderate since consumers would no longer be able to access currency easily, thus slowing down consumption demand.

Dollarisation can also have positive effects on growth. Since a small economy can only access dollars through foreign trade and/or capital inflows, it would incentivise the economy to focus on export successes and easing conditions for foreign capital, who would be more willing to invest in an economy with a stable currency. The stable value of the dollar would ensure that economic agents –both foreign and domestic – would be able to make long-term plans regarding economic activity, plans that would otherwise not be possible under a currency that rapidly lost value.

There are some potential problems. The adoption of dollars as a currency implies that economies lose an important source of policy leverage, with monetary policy now unable to control money supply. On the foreign trade front, countries would no longer be able to take recourse to depreciation to boost exports, focusing only on export promotion to stave off downturns. Some proponents of dollarisation see this as a positive outcome, since it would ensure the government resorts to productivity boosting methods to combat recessions, instead of changing exchange rates.

The experience of Ecuador

Theory aside, the experiences of some countries hold out promise for the project of dollarisation. Three fully dollarised economies – Ecuador, Panama and El Salvador – have had successful economic outcomes following dollarisation, with Ecuador a useful case study. The Ecuadorian economy suffered a series of debilitating crises in the late 1990s, with economic output contracting by almost 7%, inflation at roughly 67%, and the domestic currency, the Sucre, depreciating by almost 200% in 1999. President Jamil Mahuad announced the adoption of the dollar in January 2000; widespread protests following the move forced him to resign two weeks after the announcement. Despite this political upheaval, Ecuador persisted with dollarisation.

The economy has shown considerable progress since then, on parameters measuring both economic growth and social welfare. The World Bank estimates a growth of 4.5% in real GDP between 2001 to 2014. The poverty rate fell from 36.7% in 2007 to 22.5% in 2014, with inequality, as measured by the Gini index, falling by 9 percentage points over this period. During the 2008 recession, the economy lost only 1.3% of GDP, reaching its 20-year growth trend only two years after the onset of the recession. The inflation rate in Ecuador hit a high of 108% in September 2000. Following dollarisation, the inflation rate averaged around 4% between 2003 to 2006, a remarkable achievement for an economy experiencing double-digit inflation rates since the 1970s. The ratio of foreign debt to GDP also reduced from 55% in 2000 to 21.5% in 2006.

The role of policy

Dollarisation is not, however, the sole reason for success.

Ecuador is helped by significant reserves of oil and gas. The commodity price boom of the 2000s greatly aided the growth of the economy and allowed for a greater inflow of dollars. Subsequently, the reduction in oil prices after 2014 saw a reduction in economic growth and rising debt and deficit levels, bringing new challenges to the economy.

The government of Rafael Correa – from 2007 to 2017– oversaw an expanded role for the State in a dollarised economy, with government expenditure and deficits rising significantly. New contracts with oil exploration companies operating within Ecuador – such as Brazil's Petrobras – were negotiated, giving the Ecuadorian government greater revenue, using nationalisation of oil fields as leverage against foreign oil companies. They also restructured some of Ecuador's foreign debt, defaulting on certain bonds it deemed "illegitimate" that provided unfair gains to private parties. This freed up fiscal space which was used for social spending, which increased from roughly 5% of GDP in 2006 to 10.3% in 2011. Moreover, the Central Bank was not independent of the executive throughout this time, bucking an important mainstream consensus regarding the conduct of monetary policy.

The achievement of economic prosperity is a complex affair that requires sustained engagement with policy-making and perhaps a little bit of luck to navigate economic shocks. Rising oil prices brought windfall gains to the Ecuadorian economy, with a government that ensured these gains were translated into social spending.

Dollarisation may have broken the back of inflation, but active fiscal policy played an important role in ensuring sustainable growth. Several economists have decried a return to austerity economics in Ecuador, with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) insisting on the independence of the Central Bank as a pre-condition for receiving financial assistance.

The dangers of adopting an external currency without the ability to chart independent policy can be seen in the case of Greece. The adoption of the euro fuelled growth in Greece, with capital inflows rising and tourism booming on the back of a stable currency.

However, in the wake of the Eurozone crisis, Greece was bereft of both fiscal and monetary policy space, with monetary policy being determined by the European Central Bank (ECB) and fiscal policy restrained as a pre-condition for adopting the Euro. The Greek economy saw no alternative but to adopt crushing austerity in exchange for financial assistance from the IMF and the ECB.

Dollarisation, therefore, is not a silver bullet, but if used well in conjunction with nimble domestic policy, can offer a route to success. But with a president-elect that brandishes a chainsaw to indicate his desire to slash government spending, and who has asserted that he will abolish the Central Bank, policy in Argentina might find its sphere reduced under the Milei administration. The world awaits the results of yet another macroeconomic gamble played out on the backs of a suffering populace.

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Drastic change: Supporters of Javier Milei gather outside his campaign headquarters after the election results on November 19. AP

THE GIST

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INBRIEF

L.K. Atheeq is Additional Chief Secretary to CM

Additional Chief Secretary (Finance) L.K. Atheeq has been appointed as the Additional Chief Secretary to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. The appointment on Monday comes in the light of the incumbent Additional Chief Secretary Rajneesh Goyal being appointed as the Chief Secretary of Karnataka. Mr. Goyal will succeed Vandita Sharma, who will demit office on November 30 upon superannuation. Mr. Atheeq will remain ACS Finance in a concurrent charge.

Chief Minister's Janaspandana attracts hundreds from across State

As many as 3,812 requests and grievances on employment, land issues, financial assistance for health and housing heard

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Hundreds of people from across Karnataka thronged the Chief Minister's home office 'Krishna' in Bengaluru with their grievances on Monday as the first full-fledged Janaspandana in the second tenure of Siddaramaiah got under way.

Employment, land issues, financial assistance for health, housing, and pending government compensations were among the many issues that people brought to the notice of Mr. Siddaramaiah, who heard the grievances as well as received requests from people.

As many as 3,812 requests and grievances were received of which several cases were resolved on the spot while the remaining would be addressed in a specific timeline. Revenue matters topped the list of grievances followed by issues pertaining to Women and Child Welfare Department and Backward Classes Department, a note from the Chief Minister's Office said.

Among the many directions issued to the officials was instruction to the BBMP and the Bengaluru police not to harass street vendors who use push-carts. Nagamma, a street vendor, complained about the harassment that they were facing from BBMP and police personnel. In the light of trouble in approval of senior citizens' pensions, he asked the officials to set right the technical issues immediately.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah interacting with people at the Janaspandana programme in Bengaluru on Monday; (right) the queue outside the Chief Minister's home office 'Krishna'. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT AND BHAGYA PRAKASH K.

Tricycles for 148 specially-abled persons

BBMP Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath was asked to provide tricycles to 148 specially-abled persons, who complained that the government had not responded to their request for tricycles as well as provision of loan facility to those who have been trained in trades. The loan should be disbursed within 15 days, he instructed.

A resident of Kallahalli in Hunsur taluk in Mysuru district, Lakshmi Bai, sought permission to start construction of 40 houses to Dungri Garasia community members for whom houses have been approved. Mr. Siddaramaiah instructed the managing director of Nomadic Tribes Development Corporation to provide him a report on the issue. He also sanctioned ₹1 lakh from the CM Relief Fund for treatment of Venkatraj, suffering from kidney ailment, after the patient's brother approached him.

Family disputes and personal problems were also brought to Janaspandana as Mahadevamma from Tiptur accused her son of cheating her during property division, and sought the Chief Minister's intervention. Rajamma from Ramanagara district accused her brother-in-law of encroaching her land. In both cases, Mr. Siddaramaiah spoke to the respective Deputy Commissioners to ensure they get justice.

96-year-old Paramdamaiah said that his cultivable land had been encroached for bypass road near Nelamangala. Specially-abled B.M. Nandita, a commerce PG, sought a government job, while Usma Bhanu of Belagavi sought a government job on compassionate grounds as her father had passed away.

Some residents of Bytarayanapura on Mysuru Road in Bengaluru sought the Chief Minister's intervention as the owner of the residential complex who had leased out homes had vanished with the lease amount while banks were now asking them to vacate.

Grievances and petitions received from the public online using QR code as well as on phone number 1902 were treated as those received during Janaspandana, the note said. While heads of the departments and secretaries were available on the spot, Mr. Siddaramaiah spoke to respective Deputy Commissioners on the grievances and petitions.

Opposition criticises 'roughing up' of PSI post aspirants

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The BJP and JD(S) on Monday slammed the government for ill-treating aspirants for posts of police sub-inspector (PSI) who had arrived at Janaspandana programme to seek postponement of the exams.

The candidates sat on a protest in front of the Chief Minister's residence seeking postponement of exams since they are under pressure and anxious to get selected. They said that 30-day window is too small to prepare since many had started working since the last examination. The police took them into custody later.

"The police insulted the unemployed youth who had come with a request to give more time to prepare for the exams for 545 posts of police sub inspectors," BJP State president B.Y. Vijayendra said on social media platform X. "They have gone through tough times since the exam scam. The Chief Minister should have heard them sympathetically. Instead, he chose to arrest them," he said. "The time fixed to prepare for exams is unscientific. The government should postpone the exam," JD(S) said.

BJP to seek White Paper on State finances during legislature session

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The treasury is empty as government has implemented guarantees in an erratic manner, said R. Ashok

The BJP will demand a White Paper on the status of State finances in the ensuing legislature session at Belagavi.

"The State government is bankrupt. The treasury is empty as government has implemented guarantees and that too in an erratic manner. That is why the State is unable to release compensation to drought-hit farmers," Leader of the Opposition R. Ashok told reporters on Monday.

He said that though people are in distress, the State government has remained indifferent. "Instead of blaming the Centre, let the government state its role and responsibility. During our government, we had doubled the compensation amount over NDRF norms. Later, the Centre came to our assistance. What has prevented the Congress government from doing the same? If money is not a problem to take up drought relief, let them release the money and take up works."

Mr. Ashok said that till now the government has not issued orders to sink borewells or for fodder purchase while power connection to borewells are not taken up on priority.

Contractor under IT scanner dead

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The vice-president of Karnataka State Contractors' Association R. Ambikapathy, who was in the news last month after the Income Tax Department recovered a huge cache of cash from him, passed away here on Monday.

According to association sources, he was ailing for a long time and had undergone a surgery recently. "He passed away following a heart attack. He was 68," sources said.

In October, the Income Tax officials had found cash on premises owned by him and his family members as part of the multi-State search it had conducted on government contractors. Unaccounted cash of ₹94 crore, gold and diamond jewellery worth over ₹8 crore, and about 30 luxury wrist watches were seized by the IT officials.

Association sources said he was also the president of BBMP Contractors; Association, and is the brother-in-law of former MLA Akhanda Srinivas Murthy.

He had stopped contacting work for the last seven years due to health issues and hence, the cash seizure had raised eyebrows.

Areca growers stage protest at Tirthahalli

The Hindu Bureau
SHIVAMOGGA

Areca growers in Tirthahalli, under the leadership of former Minister Araga Jnanendra, MLA, staged a protest condemning the State government's rule making a separate metre mandatory for areca nut dehusking machines.

The growers took out a march in the town and staged a dharna in front of the Mescom office.

Congress and BJP trade barbs over Janaspandana

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The ruling Congress and Opposition BJP traded barbs on the Janaspandana programme in which Chief Minister Siddaramaiah took part on Monday.

Terming the event as "bogus darshana", Leader of the Opposition R. Ashok said that if Janaspandana had been held in district centres, it would have helped thousands of people. "What is the use if the Chief Minister hears a limited number of grievances? When Karnataka is reeling under drought, all Ministers are involved in campaigning in Telangana elections."

Hitting back at the detractors, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar said that the administration that had slackened during the BJP has been improved, and that effort has been made to take it to the people's doorstep. "Without getting their grievances redressed, people were in distress during the BJP rule. Janaspandana is a huge success and many have found problems addressed on the spot."

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah asked the BJP on the reasons for delay in release of funds from the Centre. He said the BJP indulges in spreading lies, and it should prove guarantees have not reached people.

Problems that can be addressed locally should not reach Bengaluru: Siddaramaiah to officials

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Directing officials to address the grievances of people at the district level, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Monday said that problems that can be addressed locally should not reach Bengaluru.

'Delay will not be tolerated'

"If district-level problems are brought to Bengaluru by people who spend money to reach here, it will be your failure. I will not tolerate it. Delay is another form of corruption," Mr. Siddaramaiah said after the Janaspandana programme. "I will hold another Janaspandana in three months. If more people come with grievances, it means that officials locally are not doing their work."

Asking if people should come to him for khata, podi, and pahani issues, Mr. Siddaramaiah said that a number of issues can be set right at the local level by the Deputy Commissioners. "A majority of grievances on Monday was related to Revenue and Pplice departments, Gruhalakshmi, pension, housing, employment, and gratuity."

Yet to receive report

Mr. Siddaramaiah said: "This programme should have been held two months ago. I had also asked all district Ministers to hold Janaspandana and submit a report. I have received reports from only a few districts. This programme will address a large number of issues on the spot while some require time to address. If officials do not address the issues, problems will only mount."

The Chief Minister said all the grievances received on Monday would be sent to officials concerned, and instructions have been given to clear them in 15 days. "If they can be redressed as per law, an acknowledgement should be given," he said.

CM gets angry at official

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah was irritated when an official did not come forward after his name was called out during the Janaspandana programme.

When another official informed him that the official had gone for lunch, he shot back: "When I am sitting here and feeling hungry, why did they go? Direct all officials to be present here and come when called for." As the crowd swelled by late afternoon, Mr. Siddaramaiah decided to have lunch at his table to save time since people had to return home.

In another instance, he got annoyed when the KIADB CEO did not turn up quickly.

Marriage does not eclipse right to privacy under Aadhaar Act: HC

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The relationship by marriage does not eclipse the right to privacy under the Aadhaar Act, and the personal data of information of one of the spouses stored in Aadhaar cannot be disclosed at the instance of other spouse without hearing the spouse whose information is sought by the other spouse, said the High Court of Karnataka.

"The marriage by itself does not do away with the procedural right of hearing conferred under Section 33 of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits & Services) Act, 2016. The relationship by marriage, which is a union of two partners, does not eclipse the right to privacy, which is the right of an individual and the autonomy of such individual's right stands recognised and protected by the procedure of hearing contemplated under Section 33 of the Act," the court observed.

A Division Bench comprising Justice S. Sunil Dutt Yadav and Justice Vijaykumar A. Patil passed the order on an appeal filed by the Deputy Director General (DDG) and Central Public Information Officer of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI).

HC judge

As Section 33(1) mandates that Aadhaar information can be divulged in certain cases only by an order of a court not inferior to that of a judge of the High Court only after hearing Aadhaar-holder, the Bench said that the single judge could not have asked the DDG of UIDAI to consider the wife's plea after hearing the husband, the Aadhaar-holder.

The Bench rejected the argument made on wife's behalf that relationship of husband and wife after marriage results in merging of the identity of both and accordingly, there could be no objection for divulging the information of spouse at the instance of other spouse.

The UIDAI had questioned the direction of a single judge to consider a plea of a woman, who had sought data form submitted by her husband when he had enrolled for Aadhaar. The single judge had asked the UIDAI to consider her plea after hearing her husband.

The wife, due to matrimonial dispute, had approached a family court in Hubballi seeking maintenance from husband, and the court had granted ₹15,000 per month maintenance to her and the daughter. She had sought the husband's data from UIDAI under the Right to Information Act to secure his present address and phone number for executing the family court's order claiming that husband has been 'absconding' as he was found not residing in the earlier address.

Can't be diluted

Consideration of case of the Aadhaar card-holder by a responsible authority as stipulated under the Aadhaar Act cannot be diluted by delegating the same to an inferior authority as the process of the hearing and decision conferred under Section 33 is a non-delegable duty, the Bench made it clear.

While directing the wife to array the husband as a party to the proceeding as she had not arrayed him as a party in the petition earlier, the Bench set aside the single judge's earlier order and remitted the matter for a fresh consideration before the single judge.

Doctor, staff arrested

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Byatarayapura police on Monday arrested a doctor from Mysuru and his staff for allegedly running a sex determination racket, linked to Mysuru, Mandya, and Bengaluru.

According to the police, the accused conducted around 900 unauthorised abortions. The accused, identified as Chandan Ballal, who runs a private hospital in Udayagiri, allegedly charged ₹30,000.

With his assistant, identified as Nisar, a lab technician, and other staff members, he carried out sex determination scans and also performed abortions, said the police.

The accused used to operate a scanning centre at a jaggery manufacturing unit on the outskirts of Mandya. The racket came to light when the police caught three men who worked as agents for the racket a few days ago while ferrying a pregnant woman in an SUV while returning from the scanning centre.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

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Late Shri Harikrishna S Holla

D.O.B : 20.06.1952, D.O.D :20.11.2023

In loving memory of Late Shri Harikrishna S Holla, a cherished husband, a doting father, a distinguished lawyer and a passionate philanthropist. His generous spirit and selfless demeanour touched countless lives, leaving a legacy of kindness, integrity, empathy and positive change. He dedicated his life to making a positive impact on the world, and his memory will forever inspire us to carry on his legacy of giving.

He is survived by a loving wife Lalita Holla, children Mithila Holla and Abhishek Holla and son-in-law Sharath Kalyan.

(Holla Associates)

May his soul rest in eternal peace.

Om Shanti. Sadgati Praptirastu.

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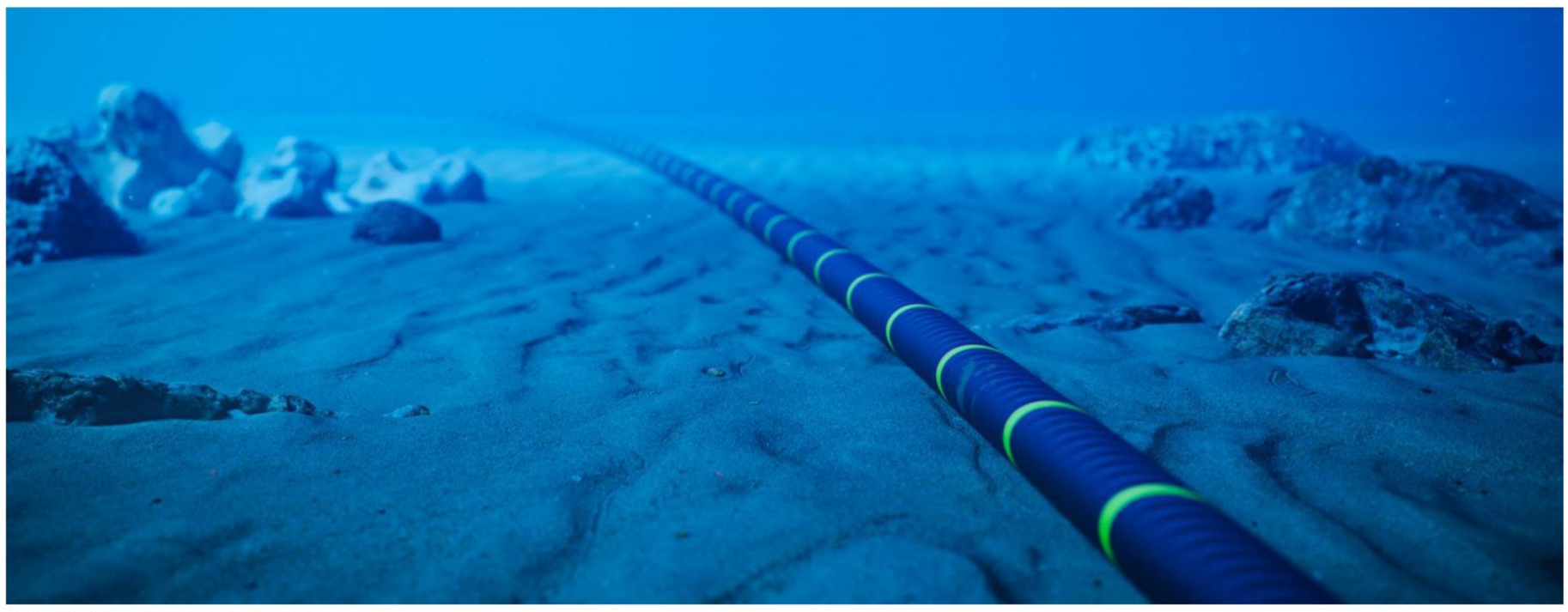

Underwater fiber-optic cable. GETTY IMAGES

Fibre optic cables: its origins, working and different functions

Along with quantum optics, fibre optic communication stands on the cusp of a new era. Ultra-thin fibres can carry information, such as text, images, videos, telephone calls, and anything that can be encoded as digital information, across large distances almost at the speed of light

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Sebabrata Mukherjee

During the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, the one thing that connected us virtually was the internet. Because of high-speed internet connections, we can now video chat with a friend, pay online, and attend classes or meetings from home. Have you wondered how these connections work?

What is an optical fibre?

Optical fibres are made of thin cylindrical strands of glass. The diameter of a typical fibre is close to the diameter of a human hair. These fibres can carry information, such as text, images, videos, telephone calls, and anything that can be encoded as digital information, across large distances almost at the speed of light.

Ultra-thin fibres seem very fragile. But when manufactured correctly as a long thread surrounded by protectives, they serve the purpose in a durable way. They are strong, light, and flexible, and ideal to be buried underground, drawn underwater, or bent around a spool. Almost 60 years ago, physicist Charles Kao suggested that glass fibres could be a superior medium for telecommunication, replacing the copper wires of the time. While many people didn't believe him at first, his prediction is a reality today. For his ground-breaking achievements concerning fibre optic communication, Dr. Kao received a part of the 2009 Nobel Prize in physics.

How do optical fibres work?

Light is an electromagnetic wave with a spectrum of frequencies. Visible light, X-rays, radio waves, and thermal radiation (heat) all lie on this spectrum. Humans see the world around us via sunlight, but it took us a long time to control and guide light through fibre optic cables – or "light pipes" – to send coded signals.

When a beam of light falls on a glass surface, it passes through partially while the rest is reflected away. When it passes through, its path bends because the refractive index of glass is different from that of air. The refractive index is the property of a medium that determines how fast light can travel in it. When a beam travels in the reverse direction, that is from glass to air, it's possible that it won't enter the air. Instead, it will be completely reflected back within the glass. This phenomenon, known as total internal reflection, is the basis of guiding light across long distances without a significant loss of optical power. With proper adjustments, the light can be kept bouncing within the glass with very little escaping outside. This is how signals encoded as electromagnetic waves can be fed into one end of an optical fibre, and they will reflect and bounce many times between the glass walls as they traverse several kilometres bearing the information in the signals.

A fibre optic communication system consists of three parts – a transmitter which encodes information into optical signals (in the form of rapidly blinking light pulses of zeros and ones); an optical fibre that carries the signal to its destination; and a receiver which reproduces the information from the encoded signal. Optical waves allow a high data-transmission rate, up to several terabits per second in a single fibre. Unlike radio or copper-cable-based communication, fibre cables are also insensitive to external perturbations such as lightning and bad weather.

How were fibre optic cables developed?

While we have known about the intriguing effects of light in transparent media like water or glass, the systematic development of light-guiding can be traced only to the early 19th century. In 1840, Jean-Daniel Colladon at the University of Geneva first demonstrated that light's propagation can be restricted to a narrow stream of a water jet.

Jacques Babinet observed a similar effect in France and extended the idea to bent glass rods.

You may have seen such effects in water fountains lit by colourful beams of light. John Tyndall is known for popularising the idea of Colladon's light fountains. Following a suggestion by Michael Faraday, he demonstrated the effect in a water jet at the Royal Society in London in 1854. The effect is also visible in plastic-fibre Christmas trees.

We can guide light using total internal reflection with materials that have a higher refractive index than air. As Babinet found, a better choice than water is thin glass rods thanks to their availability, durability, and convenience. Such glass objects found early application in medicine and defence. In the 1920s, for example, Clarence Hansell and John Logie Baird showed a way to transmit images through glass fibres. Around the 1930s, doctors started using a bundle of thin fibres to inspect patients' internal organs and to illuminate teeth during surgical procedures. Early optical fibres were prone to damage, and weren't suitable for long-distance transmission of light.

In 1954, fibre development made a significant leap forward. Harold Hopkins and Narinder Singh Kapany at Imperial College London transmitted images using a 75-cm-long bundle of more than 10,000 optical fibres. Kapany was an Indian American physicist and a pioneer in the field. Two years later, Lawrence E. Curtiss at the University of Michigan developed the first glass-clad fibres. His idea to coat the bare glass fibres with a cladding material with a low refractive index paved the way for long-distance data transmission. In the same year, Kapany coined the term 'fibre optics'.

In 1960, Theodore Maiman built the first laser – an excellent optical source – which further boosted research in optical communication. The development of lasers working at room temperature made it possible to code any information digitally into optical signals. However, sending such light signals across long distances was still a big challenge. Even the best optical fibres available at the time lost 99% of their power after a few metres. In 1966, Kao and his colleagues found that the signals were attenuated due to impurities in the glass rather than the light being scattered. He suggested melting high-purity fused silica at high temperatures and producing thin fibre threads from that. This way, the decay of light signals inside glass fibres could be reduced below 20 decibels per kilometre (dB/km) – meaning 1% of the signal could still be detected after a kilometre. In 1971, the American glass-making company Corning Glass Works achieved this value in a finished cable.

Nowadays, glass fibres are manufactured using the fibre-drawing technique. First, a thick glass rod, called preform, of high purity and an engineered refractive index profile is prepared using chemical vapour decomposition. The preform is heated to about 1,600 degrees Celsius until it melts and is then drawn into a thin, long fibre. The drawing process reduces the fibre's diameter while maintaining its length. The drawn fibre is coated with a protective layer to enhance strength and durability.

In India, the Fibre Optics Laboratory at the Central Glass and Ceramic Research Institute, Kolkata, has a facility to manufacture high-quality silica-based optical fibres. Today's optical fibres have a typical loss of less than 0.2 dB/km.

What is the future of fibre cables?

Fibre optics technology has since been used in telecommunication, medical science, laser technology, and sensing.

With a goal to securing communication and promoting quantum science, the Government of India announced a national mission in the Union Budget of 2020. The proposed budget for this 'National Mission on Quantum Technologies and Applications' is ₹8,000 crore over a period of five years. The possibilities of fibre optic networks are growing at an accelerated rate, reaching all the way into our homes. Along with quantum optics, fibre optic communication stands on the cusp of a new era.

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THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

On November 30, the COP28 climate talks will begin in the United Arab Emirates against the backdrop of two wars. Here's a quiz on this crucial summit

Vasudevan Mukunth

QUESTION 1

The COP28 climate talks are held every year among representatives of countries that are party to the UNFCCC. What does 'FCCC' stand for?

QUESTION 2

Various countries have pledged to become ___-____, a term used to describe the point in time when the carbon emitted by a country's various sectors are offset by mechanisms that remove the same amount of carbon. Fill in the blanks.

QUESTION 3

Name the landmark agreement agreed by UNFCCC countries in 2015, at COP21, in which they committed to making their best efforts to keep the world's average surface temperature from warming by more than 2 degrees Celsius over the pre-industrial era by the end of the century.

QUESTION 4

Over the last few years, the centrepiece of most international deliberations on addressing climate change has been a fund. Representatives of developing countries have demanded that the developed countries supply money to this fund, which will be disbursed to developing countries to help them adapt to the effects of climate change. Name the fund.

QUESTION 5

COP28 will be the first COP to host an individual holding this particular office. The individual's name is X. In early November, X said he would visit COP28 for half a week. A month earlier, X had published a magisterial document entitled 'Laudate Deum' in which he asked for more climate action and denounced climate denial. Name X.

Visual question:
The COP28 president — tasked with maintaining order, promoting discussion, and increasing ambitions — will, for the first time, be the CEO of a fossil-fuel company. Name him.

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. This is the unified legal code which heavily influenced European and Latin American laws in the 19th century. **Ans: Napoleonic Code or Code Napolean**
2. Napolean was keen to join forces with this ruler in order to drive the British out of India. **Ans: Tipu Sultan**
3. According to popular myth, this dish containing this particular word is said to have been invented by Napolean's chef. **Ans: Marengo; The dish is Chicken Marengo**
4. The period between Napolean's return from exile on the island of Elba and the time when King Louis XVIII retook the throne. **Ans: Hundred Days**
5. In 1802, Napolean restored this practice which was banned after the French Revolution. **Ans: Slavery**
Visual: The man in the painting. **Ans: Michel Ney**
Early Birds: M. Suresh Kumar| Anju Sharma| Amaan| Madhur Srivastava

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian

"Sir, several readers would like to know whether 'everyone' is singular or plural? One of them is puzzled by this sentence: 'Everyone shouts at the top of their voice'."

"I discussed this a couple of years ago. Perhaps my explanation was not clear. Let me explain again. 'Everyone' is singular. Everyone here is an actor.

Everyone at home is unwell.

There is no problem with these sentences. Take the sentence 'Everyone shouts at the top of their voice'. It means that there is a group of people and everyone of them is shouting. Everyone is grammatically singular but notionally plural. That is, it takes a singular verb but plural pronouns. In the sentence 'Everyone shouts at the top of their voice', 'everyone' takes the singular verb 'shouts', but the plural pronoun 'their. The convention has been to use *his* to include both sexes. 'Everyone shouts at the top of his voice'. This is rather clumsy. So we use a sex-neutral 'they'. 'They' is neutral between masculine and feminine.

Has anybody brought their textbook?
Everyone ought to do what they can.
Everyone was on their best behaviour.
Everyone took their books and walked out
Let's give everybody their due.

Shakespeare, Jane Austen, Scott, Shelley, Dickens. Oscar Wilde and a host of others have used the third person plural pronoun to refer to the singular 'everyone'."

"Sir, Mr. R. Srikkanth, Nepco Schlenk Engineering College, Sivakasi, wants to know the difference between 'solicit' and 'solicitous'."

" 'Solicit' means 'to ask for money, help, votes, etc.'. 'Solicit' is a formal word.

He solicited money from the party.
We have opened a shop and solicit your custom.
The committee solicits your views on the educational policy of the government.

'Solicitous' means 'very concerned and anxious about somebody's welfare and comfort'.

He made solicitous enquiries about her health.
He has always been solicitous about the people who work under him.

'Solicitous' always carries a good meaning.

When I sought some information from the police officer, he was most solicitous."

"Sir, Ms. Kumari Prema, Bellary, wants to know the meaning of 'august office'."

" 'August' here means 'dignified, impressive, majestic'.

On this august occasion, we must remember the sacrifices made by the freedom fighters.

'August' here is used as an adjective. 'August' is also the eighth month of the year. The 'u' in the word is pronounced like the 'u' in 'bud' when 'august' is used as an adjective. The stress is on the second syllable. The 'u' is pronounced like the 'a' in 'India' when 'August' is used as a noun. The stress is on the first syllable. The 'a' in both words is pronounced like the 'a' in 'law'.

In the month of August, we had an august gathering in this hall."

Published in The Hindu on February 13, 1990.

Word of the day

Quackery:
medical practice and advice based on observation and experience in ignorance of scientific findings

Synonyms: empiricism, charlatanism

Usage: *He was making her listen to all kinds of quackery.*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/quackerypro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /kwækəri/

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Third edition of GLF makes a strong case for painting the town green

The Green Lit Fest held in Bengaluru saw activists, biologists, authors, illustrators, and film-makers coming together to advocate for a greener future

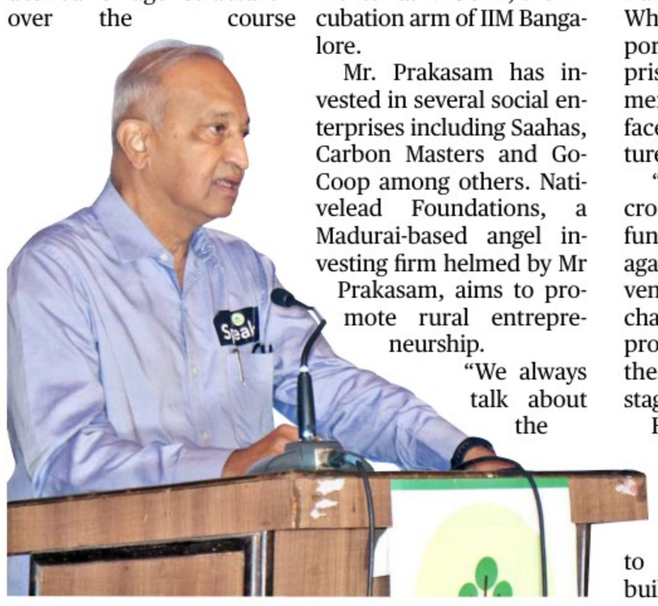
Shilpa Elizabeth
BENGALURU

Professor Anil Gupta, scholar and social sector activist, has travelled all across India and has a bag full of stories that speak of creativity shown by people in every part of the country. From the living tree root bridges of Meghalaya to the stitch-less Kurtas of Bargarh district in Odisha, he tells tales of people who combine creativity with craftsmanship and extraordinary zeal.

"There is not a place where we haven't found people who haven't surprised us," Mr. Gupta said, talking to the audience gathered at the third edition of the Green Lit Fest in Bengaluru.

He recollected an instance when he was in Meghalaya.

The indigenous communities of Khasi and Jaintia hills in Meghalaya have been building the living root bridges for centuries. These bridges, which found a place in the UNESCO tentative list of world heritage sites, are made by guiding the natural growth of pliable roots of Ficus elastica tree to achieve the desired bridge structure over the course of time. The process takes several years.



When Mr. Gupta asked the people why they build bridges this way, they responded saying they wanted to build bridges in a sustainable and durable way without causing harm to the nature.

"Science is like alphabet, technology is like words, institutions are like grammar and culture is like thesaurus," said Mr. Gupta, adding that minds on margins are not marginal but generate completely unexpected solutions to problems that others may have learned to live with.

Rising above barriers

Nagaraja Prakasam, mentor of several social enterprises, echoed similar sentiments. He told the story of Abdul Razzak, an innovator from Madurai who has studied only till matriculation but holds around 20 patents to his name.

"In IIMs separate coaching is given for filing patents. Whereas Abdul Razzak who doesn't speak English and has no PowerPoint presentations have around 20 patents to his name," pointed out Mr. Prakasam, who is also a mentor at NRSCEL, the incubation arm of IIM Bangalore.

Mr. Prakasam has invested in several social enterprises including Saahas, Carbon Masters and GoCoop among others. Nativelead Foundations, a Madurai-based angel investing firm helmed by Mr Prakasam, aims to promote rural entrepreneurship.

"We always talk about the 250-300 million English speaking population. But my Bharat is about the 1 billion that we don't know," said Mr. Prakasam who is also the author of the book *Back to Bharat*.

Experts at the event spoke about how collaborative efforts have proved successful in fights against large powerful entities.

Funding challenges

While talking about the importance of green enterprises, the panelists also mentioned the challenges faced by such social ventures.

"We tried to set up a macro venture innovation fund in 2003 and then again in 2020. We still haven't found a durable mechanism of funding which provides risk capital to these innovations at early stage," said Mr. Gupta.

He noted that many of the innovations offered solutions for local problems and there is a need to bring them into the larger market by building better design around them.

"We need more designers to work with these innovators from rural lands. We've got great support from scientists for validating the solutions and from IP lawyers for filing patents, but design community is something we're still looking forward to. They have not yet come forward in large numbers to support these innovations," he said.

Noting that scale shouldn't be the enemy of sustainability, he said that many problems that modern science and technology institutions and large corporates couldn't address have been addressed by local innovators.

"We need not necessarily replicate the same design everywhere, but the same underlying principle can be replicated. We are trying to propagate this philosophy that the model of a certain innovation can be scaled up rather than scaling up only the solutions. Every society should find their own solutions," he said.

Business of green books

Discussing an evolving market for green books, R. Sivapriya, publisher at Bloomsbury India, said that today there is a niche market whom publishers can specifically target while bringing out green books.

Sharing some interesting anecdotes, she remembered how, around eight years ago, Amitav Ghosh, who was then working on *The Great Derangement,* wrote to individual writers encouraging them to bear witness to what is happening to the planet and the environment.

"You can't necessarily tell writers what to write. But I think what he was trying to say was if you are a writer of this generation you have to talk about what is happening," she said.

Mr. Sivapriya also recounted meeting some French publishers while she was executive editor at Juggernaut Books which was then into digital publishing.

"It was six to seven years ago and the French publishers had shelves of climate fiction. I had never heard of this genre seven years ago. But today if you look at any SFF (science fiction and fantasy) list, half of them are climate fiction. So, in some sense, I think green fiction has happened," she said.

Livelihoods in the wild

Speaking on the otherisation in cinematic storytelling, Devashish Makhija, who has directed films such as Oonga and Joram, said that a tribal's inextricable existence with the jungle is something which most people in the city do not consider important enough to be part of a discourse.

"When we are living unsustainable lives it comes at a cost and people in the city don't want to think about it, talk about it and see it in their stories. Stories today are meant to entertain. I try to not entertain as much as possible," said Makhija whose film Oonga was later published as a book.

Aparajita Datta, scientist at Nature Conservation Foundation, noted that there is a need to look at things with better understanding of communities and the landscapes they live in. "It is not just about saving wildlife. I'm a wildlife biologist and I want wildlife to be saved . But you also have to look at how people are living there. They are not privileged like many of us; They are from those landscapes and they need the land for survival," she said.

Like indigenous communities from other parts of the country, those living in the Himalayas too have been victims of displacements and political conflicts. But, the vulnerable communities in the mountains are being threatened by increased militarisation, pointed out Stephen Alter, author of books such as *All The Way To Heaven* and *Wild Himalayas.*

"The mountains have always had a tremendous amount of migration. No community in the Himalayas was there forever. People think of Himalayas as this statistic eternal landscape. But in fact it is constantly changing; It is a living landscape that is fragile," he said adding that the destruction caused by the militarisation of Himalayas is critical to understanding the environmental issues in the landscape.

Collaborative efforts

Experts also spoke about how collaborative efforts have proved successful in fights against large powerful entities. Yuvan Aves, an activist who has been deeply involved in the campaign against building a mega port near Pulicat lagoon in Tamil Nadu spoke of how the campaign, which is still ongoing, has been a collaboration of all kinds of people.

Pulicat lagoon is India's second largest brackish water body and a subsidiary of the Adani group, in 2019, applied for environment clearance to expand the port from 330 acres to 6,111 acres. Mr. Aves notes that the port was within 2.1 of a bird sanctuary which is an ecosentitive zone and would erode a thin barrier island which protects a sheltered marine space.

He described how the campaign witnessed some great documentation, storytelling and citizen science.

Constitution Day: Understanding Ambedkar and the context of the birth of Indian Constitution

'Ambedkar provided a third pole other than the left and right wings and broke the binary of which wing the country should lean upon'

Cheryl Jasline
BENGALURU

In honour of the Constitution Day, the Ambedkar Reading Circle organised a lecture about the 'Ambedkarite Utopia' that the Constitution of India envisioned. The lecture was given by Dr. Ashna Singh, an Assistant Professor of Law at the National Law School of India University, Bengaluru.

Dr. Singh highlighted the context of the drafting of the Constitution and debunked several allegations and misconceptions about the Constitution. One of the common critiques of the Indian Constitution is that it reflects European modernity and not Indian culture. The Constitution has also been criticised for its bulkiness unlike the Constitutions of many other countries.

The answer to these critiques lies in an anti-caste vision, explained Dr. Ashna. The Constitution was deliberately made extremely detailed inorder to counter the division in caste and bureaucracy and to ensure minority rights were not overlooked, she said. She noted that Ambedkar provided a third pole other than the left and right wings and broke the binary of which wing the country should lean upon. One of the ways he did that was by fighting the invocation of God in the preamble, which, Dr. Singh noted, both wings were in favour of then; Whereas Ambedkar's stance reflected his secular thinking.

B.R. Ambedkar

An oppressive society

The legal order of society before the Constitution was oppressive towards the Dalits.

Ambedkar characterised it as a Brahminical legal order, he saw Hinduism as a system which gave out a lot of injunctions such as unequal punishments and restricted access to facilities, education and even rights.

Ambedkar's goal was to locate the origin of the oppression the Dalits faced, and he located it in the Dharma Shastras and the Manusmriti. His thinking which was influenced by Buddhism is reflected in the Constitution. Most of the articles and the form of the Constitution itself have a anti caste context to it.

A book on the Indian Constitution, preserved at Sarada Grandhalayam in Anakapalli. V RAJU

She noted that while the Constitution gives one the freedom of speech, for the oppressed, it's a site of resolution of conflict between Brahmanism and Buddhism. "The Indian Constitution is different from the western constitution because the primary oppressors were the people and not the State," she said.

Living document

Dr. Singh also noted that Constitution is a living document, which must adapt and change with the Indian society.

"So, the tweaks are needed, until we reach that sort of perfect utopia imagination," she said, adding that it tries to civilise the society by providing principles or values that can be practiced in daily life. Talking about the idea of representation Dr. Singh noted that only with alternative thinking can the society improve, which is why representation and criticality is necessary - something that the Dalits can bring to the table.

"The anti-caste line of thinkers - including Babasaheb through the Constitution - tell us that Utopia lies in the future, that the future is something we need to build and contextualise. The idea is to think in terms of principles which will lead us to an ethical society, and not become a slave to rules which is what we were before," she said.

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Faulty Phone System: Dept's Difficulties

Bangalore, Nov. 26. There has been a growing number of complaints about the telephone system in Bangalore. The Telephone users complain that the Department has not risen to the occasion to tone up the system.

A few days ago, at a meeting of the Corporate Council, the city fathers came down heavily on the "inefficient" working of the telephone system and demanded better service to the citizens. The main complaints are frequent failure of the system, delays in repairing telephones, difficulty in getting the departmental numbers for directory enquiry, assistance etc.

Students Protest Against Remarks of Minister

Bangalore, Nov. 26: A section of students of colleges in Bangalore, numbering 1,000 today, took out a procession and burnt an effigy of the Municipal Administration Minister, Mr. Basava Lingappa, in protest against certain remarks made by him recently against Kannada language and literature.

The reported remarks of Mr. Basavalingappa made at a gathering of backward class students at Mysore recently, has provoked Statewide protests during the last few days. The Minister is alleged to have compared certain books in Kannada to "Cattle feed." Several colleges in the city did not function as the students' boycotted classes. The other colleges reported thin attendance. But the Women's Colleges and other colleges in Cantonment are functioned as usual.

CITYBEATS

All the way from Ladakh

DECEMBER 5 TO 10
The Park will host a six-day food pop-up, organised in association with chef Nilza Wangmo. Nilza. winner of Nari Shakti Puraskar by the President of India in 2019, also runs an all-women restaurant called Alchi Kitchen in Ladakh. This pop-up has been curated by food evangelist Yogita Uchil.
At The Park, MG Road

An empowering session

DECEMBER 10, 9.45AM
Aravind Consultancy will present Swayam Talks, where people from varied walks of life, including science, technology, art and culture, will share their ideas with the audience as well as what inspired them to take the path they chose.
At New Horizon College of Engineering, Marathahalli.
Tickets on BookMyShow

Novel cuisine

ON GOING
Jamming Goat 3.0 has opened a new branch in Indiranagar.
Curated by chef Sombir Chaudary, the menu will features inventive dishes such as passionfruit golgappa with sweet yoghurt, crispy broccoli poppers with avocado and wasabi mousse, and grilled rechado cauliflower steak with mustard vinaigrette.
The cocktails at Jamming Goat 3.0 are crafted by mixologist Avinash Kapoli.

Dreams and motivation

NOVEMBER 29, 5PM
Dream A Dream presents Fireside Chat and a panel discussion with Dr Connie K Chung, author of *When We Thrive, Our World Thrives*. Connie will share stories of 20 graduates of Dream A Dream and their journey from adversity to success. The book was co-authored by Vishal Talreja, co-founder of Dream a Dream.
At Bangalore International Centre, November 29, Domlur, and at Bangalore Literature Festival on December 2, 4 pm at Lalit Ashok.

Ringing endorsement

Former West Indies cricketing legend, Viv Richards, shares his views on the Men in Blue

N. Sudarshan

Viv Richards never really *walked* in to bat. He would come sauntering in, with characteristic Caribbean swagger, chewing his gum and with a beady eye on every opposition player. He would rarely speak a word. A stare down was enough to make his rivals submit. Of the magnificent West Indies teams of yore, he was the beating heart and the lode star.

Now 71, Richards still looks his immaculate best. The magnetic personality in him is very much intact, as seen in the way he made heads turn in a hall full of whiskey connoisseurs in Bengaluru who had just started clinking glasses of the finest of straight bourbons. After all, the class, perfection and timelessness that characterised Richards' batting are the mantras the distilling industry swears by.

Many such men often live in a time warp, but not Richards. The Antiguan is free-spirited and unbeholden to the past. His embrace of the new is striking and this is best reflected in his praise of the cricketers of this era. Richards was arguably the most devastating batsman of his time – he thinks the current generation has taken the art to greater heights.

Still going strong Sir Vivian Richards at the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup India 2023 semi finals between India and New Zealand on November 15, 2023 in Mumbai. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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>
> **SIR VIVIAN RICHARDS**
> Cricketer

"Yeah, they have taken it a bit further," he tells *The Hindu*. "As a cricketer and batsman myself, I am pretty happy with some of the shots being played. These guys are so great today. It is just really enjoyable to see. The game is in a good place. The popularity that's there is only because of the way these individuals are playing."

Central to this is his love for Virat Kohli, who went past Sachin Tendulkar's one-day international record of 49 centuries during India's semifinal victory over New Zealand at the recently concluded Men's Cricket World Cup.

"I was at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai and I saw Virat's 50th. I was privileged to be in the house," he says. "As I said to Virat when I saw him on the field, 'You are taking cricket and batting to a different level'. I just felt that what India achieved as a nation in terms of going to space – that is where he is. He is playing in space. It is totally different in terms of the boundaries you would have set."

Another bit of evolution he sees is in the way India has built up a formidable pace-bowling arsenal. Richards knows a thing or two about fast men, for the great West Indian sides he was part of comprised bowlers such as Michael Holding, Joel Garner, Andy Roberts and Malcom Marshall, who still form the gold standard against which every present-day attack is judged.

Richards feels the trio of Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Shami and Mohammed Siraj, who have terrorised batters for a good part of the last three years with the acme coming at the World Cup, compare favourably.

"I think it is up there and that is why they're successful," says Richards. "In the early years when we came to India, in the 1970s, it was all about spin. Bishen Singh Bedi, the Chandrasekhars (B.S. Chandrasekhar), the Venkats (S. Venkataraghavan), Erapalli Prasanna and others.

"It's not like that anymore. India has got good seamers. Bumrah is unorthodox but effective. Shami, I've done commentary in the past, and from sitting behind the bowler's arm, I'll say that no one presents the seam as well as Shami. And you can see why he's successful today. So it is a very good attack."

Nostalgia is often used as a tool to construct a perfect past. For Richards, however, happiness lies in the present even as he looks forward to a better future.

Heartening, yet not fulfilling fare

FILM REVIEW

Vivek MV

Swathi Mutthina Male Haniye (Kannada)
Director: Raj B Shetty
Cast: Raj B Shetty, Siri Ravikumar, Rekha Kudligi, Balaji Manohar
Runtime: 100 minutes
Storyline: A counsellor at a palliative care facility develops a liking for a patient

Raj B Shetty's third directorial outing, *Swathi Mutthina Male Haniye,* is a philosophical take on love and life. It is as if the filmmaker is talking to you about the purpose of your existence. If you are in the mood for some soul-searching, this film could be an ideal experience.

Very early in the film, Raj subtly establishes the state of mind of his lead character, Siri Ravikumar. She plays Prerana, a counsellor at a palliative care facility in a picturesque location. It is her wedding anniversary, but she walks into the facility without a smile. Her subordinate wishes her on her special day; she knows about it, thanks to Prerana's status update.

Quiet desperation

The numbing mundaneness of life has engulfed Prerana. She has posted about her anniversary on social media because that is what everyone does. Even as she talks to patients, she is lost in thoughts of her floundering marriage.

Prerana knows her husband is involved with another woman and yet does not confront him about his infidelity. Maturity is when you know everything yet feel nothing, she tells herself.

Her routine life gets a twist with the arrival of Aniketh (Raj) at the care facility. He is diagnosed with gastrointestinal cancer, so Prerana expects him to seek help and wail in pain.

However, Aniketh is the antithesis of a terminally-ill patient. He comes alone to the centre and declines counselling. All he wishes for is a room with an open window that allows him to look outside every morning. Prerana is drawn to him because he makes her feel important with small gestures, such as asking her about the speciality of her saris.

Expectedly, Prerana begins to transform. It is hard to define their relationship. It is not clear if the relationship with Aniketh is platonic friend or if Prerana wishes for something more.

Love blooms Siri Ravikumar and Raj B Shetty in *Swathi Mutthina Male Haniye*. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Soon Aniketh becomes the man who adds purpose to her life, and the reason for Prerana to go to the office everyday.

Swathi Mutthina Male Haniye is a heartening film. It talks about every life being special, much like the jasmine flowers seen in abundance in the movie. People sweep away these fallen flowers every morning, yet, they continue to blossom, says Aniketh.

However, the film's philosophy oscillates between being palatable and complex, and often, the simplicity acts like a double-edged sword.

While the film offers a distinctive experience, it fails to amp up the drama between the leads. For instance, the chemistry between Siri and Raj feels sudden and shaky, and we do not see more of their personality traits to understand them better.

What has gone wrong between Prerana and her husband? Aniketh is a fan of the poet and playwright Kuvempu, do we not want to know how he developed his love for writing?

The film also shows how people have different ways of accepting death, yet their stories are showcased in an unremarkable manner with a melodramatic tone.

Raj had to be ambitious in his writing to get something extra out of the conflict of the inevitability of death. In some places, the film's philosophy is too heavy for its own good.

Still, the performances hold the film together. Rekha Kudligi shines in a heart-warming cameo. Siri, with her graceful presence, delivers a measured performance. Aniketh appears gutsy. Or is he?

Raj puts across this ambiguity convincingly. Cinematographer Praveen Shriyan and composer Midhun Mukundan also ensure the film's sombre mood prevails throughout its runtime.

Life and death

Swathi Mutthina Male Haniye talks a lot about death, but I wish it spoke about the vibrancy of life through situations rather than mere words. I wish it had some lightness to the love story it offers us.

I found it hard to embrace the narrative completely, but it got me wondering about Raj as a filmmaker. It is as if he is on his own trip, far away from the rat race. His individualistic journey feels random and interesting at the same time. However, when it comes to the writing meeting execution, *Garuda Gamana Vrishabha Vahana* and *Ondu Motteya Kathe* remain his best works.

Swathi Mutthina Male Haniye is currently running in theatres

Bengaluru-based Mitti Cafe opens outlet on Supreme Court premises

Purnima Sah

Mitti Cafe is a social initiative of the Mitti Social Initiative Foundation, a nonprofit organisation dedicated to providing employment and livelihood to persons with disabilities. Started in 2017, (the first cafe was started in Hubballi, North Karnataka) at present there are 41 such cafes at various locations across the country. It provides employment to adults with disability.

Seven months ago when Alina Alam, the founder of Mitti Cafe, was speaking at a Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry event in New Delhi, little did she know that Mitti Cafe would find a space within the premises of the Supreme Court of India.

Priya Hingorani, a senior advocate at the Supreme Court, who was present immediately suggested opening a Mitti Cafe at the Supreme Court. On November 10, Chief Justice of India (CJI) Justice DY Chandrachud inaugurated the 750 square foot cafe on the premises. Most of the decor and furniture there is made by persons with disability and their caregivers.

The inaugural ceremony also featured a cultural performance by persons with disability, including singing of the National Anthem in sign language.

Alina was 22 years-old when she started Mitti Cafe with zero investment.

"Having been brought up by my grandmother in Kolkata who had motor disability after developing spinal cord issues, I saw her life closely. Instead of sitting for college placements in Bengaluru, I started volunteering with organisations that work with the disability inclusion space. I wanted to create a model

We are the world At Mitti Cafe, every person with disability is given training on different skills to become self-sufficient and financially independent. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

which is visible, tangible, interactive, creates awareness on inclusion, and what better than food as a denominator to generate livelihood," adds Alina who is now based in Mumbai.

The cafe in Hubballi was started in a dilapidated tin shade offered by the Deshpande Foundation.

Alina went door-to-door asking people to join the movement. All the equipment needed for a small cafe was donated by strangers. She bought second-hand items such as refrigerators and ovens.

The very first employee of Mitti Cafe was Kirti Kale who literally came to the cafe crawling due to paraplegia. Back then she couldn't afford a wheelchair but today she has one. She is the cashier and manager of Mitti Cafe, Yeshwantpur in Bengaluru and manages 10 other people under her and financially supports her family.

She reached out to NGOs to hire staff, and recruited adults with disabilities from the streets who were either begging or homeless. "We have an experiential training programme for our candidates who have not gone to school. Over the two-month training period they are taught skills such as differentiating between dry waste and wet-waste. The training period depends on the candidate. At present we have 35 trainers in different locations."

The candidates can be above 18 years and are engaged in all kinds of jobs such as, customer service executive, assistant managers, assistant chefs, kitchen helpers and so on.

Mitti Cafe's speciality is their *kulhad* chai and small eats like sandwiches and mini meals. The menu is also available in Braille."Our staff may not be as quick as those at regular restaurants and cafes but the love, affection and interest they serve every order with, is unmatched," says Alina.

Some of the outlets are located at Bengaluru International Airport, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, Mumbai, multinational companies, hospitals and colleges.

The cafe has sold over 11 million meals so far and employed 4,000 persons with disability including acid attack survivors, and caregivers of persons with disabilities.

INBRIEF

Modi prays at Tirumala temple amid campaigning

Prime Minister Narendra Modi offered prayers at the hill temple of Lord Venkateswara at Tirumala on Monday. Clad in white dhoti and sporting 'Tilakam' on his forehead, Mr. Modi arrived at the main entrance of the hill temple where he was given the traditional *Isti kapal* temple honours before being led into the sanctum sanctorum. After the temple visit, the PM went back to Hyderabad to take part in the election campaigning in Telangana.

Temple priest slammed for social media post on TTD

The Hindu Bureau
TIRUMALA

Tirumala temple priest A.V. Ramana Deekshitulu on Monday was criticised for his alleged social media post in which he reportedly made controversial remarks against the top brass of the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) and sought the intervention of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in "saving" the temple.

In an apparent bid to corner the TTD and the State government, he chose X (formerly Twitter) to vent his dissatisfaction at a time when Mr. Modi was on a visit to the temple town.

In a tweet on Monday, Mr. Deekshitulu said the hill temple was in the clutches of "non-*sanatani*" (who do not follow *Sanatana Dharma*) officers and government, who he alleged were systematically destroying the ancient traditions, structures, and assets of TTD temples. Mr. Deekshitulu also urged Mr. Modi to "save the temple and establish a Hindu rashtra".

Condemning his remarks, social media users reminded him of a police complaint lodged against him by his own son and questioned him about the 'pink diamond' – a jewel which he had alleged was stolen from the presiding deity's necklace a few years ago.

Six-year-old kidnapped in Kollam; search under way

Press Trust of India
KOLLAM

A six-year-old girl was kidnapped on Monday by unknown persons from near Pooyappally in Kerala's Kollam.

The kidnappers, suspected to be four in number and including one woman, came in a white car and abducted the child while she was going for tuition along with her eight-year-old elder brother, the police said.

The vehicle used in the kidnapping is suspected to be a white sedan – either a Honda Amaze or a Maruti Suzuki Swift Dzire," the police said.

The girl's brother sustained injuries on his knees, the police said.

EC order triggers political blame game in Telangana

Chief Minister criticises Congress after Election Commission stops disbursal of monetary help to farmers under the Rythu Bandhu scheme; Congress sees a 'conspiracy between BJP and BRS'

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

A political slugfest has broken out in Telangana over the Rythu Bandhu scheme that provides funds to farmers during the cultivation period, after the Election Commission first permitted the disbursal of funds and then withdrew the order citing violation of the model code of conduct.

The Congress had filed a complaint with the EC last week seeking an order to stop the ruling Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) from using the scheme during their election campaign.

The ruling Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) and the Opposition Congress have blamed each other for the EC decision. FILE PHOTO

The BRS and the Opposition Congress blamed each other for the EC decision, though the EC clearly said the orders were being withdrawn after the Chief Electoral Officer of Telangana sent a report flagging Finance Minister T. Harish Rao's remark at an election meeting that the government would release the Rythu Bandhu funds on November 28. The Assembly election in Telangana is on November 30.

The EC said the statement was a violation of the conditions mentioned in the EC note for release of Rythu Bandhu funds.

The issue has been simmering for the last month, as the Opposition parties feared that the State government would release the money one or two days before the polling date and influence voters.

Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao blamed the Congress for the denial of funds. The Congress, on the other hand, said the "EC orders seem to be a deep-rooted conspiracy of the BJP and BRS to blame the Congress."

EC issues notice to Karnataka govt. over advertisements in Telangana media

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Election Commission (EC) on Monday issued a notice to the Karnataka government for putting out advertisements highlighting its achievements and welfare schemes in newspapers in poll-bound Telangana. The commission said this was a violation of the Model Code of Conduct (MCC).

In a letter to the Karnataka Chief Secretary, the commission sought an explanation in the matter by Tuesday. It sought to know why disciplinary action had not been initiated against the Secretary incharge of the Department of Information and Broadcasting of Karnataka for violations of procedure as required under the Model Code of Conduct.

It also asked the Karnataka government to stop with immediate effect further publication of such advertisements in Telangana till necessary approvals are taken by the government from the commission.

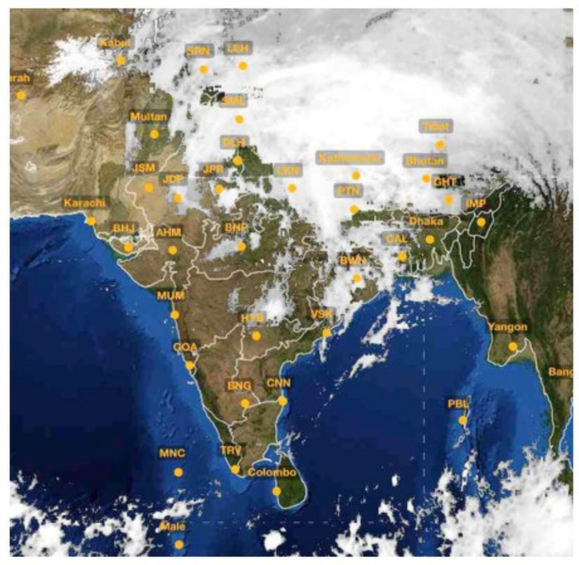
Earlier in the day, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) had lodged a complaint with the commission, accusing the Congress government in Karnataka of putting out advertisements in the Telangana media with an eye on the Assembly election in the State. The BJP urged the commission to take action against the Congress.

A BJP delegation, including Union Minister Bhupender Yadav, former Union Minister Prakash Javadekar, who is also the party's Telangana incharge, Sudhanshu Trivedi and Om Pathak, submitted a complaint to the commission stating that the Congress had violated the Representation of the People Act and the Model Code of Conduct.

The Assembly election is scheduled to held in Telangana on November 30, with the ruling Bharat Rashtra Samithi, the Congress, and the BJP locked in a three-way battle.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Tuesday: Heavy to very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning/gusty winds likely at isolated places over Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Vidarbha, central Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala, Mahe and Andaman & Nicobar Islands

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	31.7	17.1	Kozhikode	3	33.1	25.4
Ahmedabad	—	26.7	17.5	Kurnool	—	32.5	22.1
Aizawl	—	28.5	14.9	Lucknow	—	23.6	14.9
Allahabad	—	22.2	15.4	Madurai	12	30.0	22.6
Bengaluru	—	29.0	20.2	Mangaluru	—	34.4	24.6
Bhopal	6	20.8	16.6	Mumbai	2	30.3	22.0
Bhubaneswar	—	28.6	18.3	Mysuru	—	29.5	20.6
Chandigarh	—	23.1	15.0	New Delhi	—	24.2	13.4
Chennai	0.5	31.1	24.7	Patna	—	29.0	15.3
Coimbatore	—	30.8	21.2	Port Blair	—	32.0	26.2
Dehradun	—	20.4	13.0	Puducherry	—	32.1	23.4
Gangtok	—	19.2	11.9	Pune	6.3	28.4	19.9
Goa	—	34.0	24.0	Raipur	—	26.5	18.7
Guwahati	—	29.6	13.6	Ranchi	—	24.7	12.8
Hubballi	—	32.0	21.0	Shillong	—	22.6	13.0
Hyderabad	—	29.2	21.6	Shimla	—	17.2	11.9
Imphal	—	25.6	9.1	Srinagar	—	12.0	3.9
Jaipur	—	23.0	15.9	Thiruvananthapuram	—	34.2	23.4
Kochi	—	31.8	25.0	Tiruchi	—	31.7	23.0
Kohima	—	18.6	8.6	Vijayawada	—	31.4	23.2
Kolkata	—	29.4	18.8	Visakhapatnam	—	30.2	24.8

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	4	10	30	57	60	
Bengaluru	9	31	39	53	110	
Chennai	16	50	45	59	55	
Delhi	17	113	71	452	457	
Hyderabad	2	32	56	133	117	
Kolkata	23	90	29	204	147	
Lucknow	7	103	94	337	244	
Mumbai	14	60	—	103	90	
Pune	130	212	111	92	73	
Visakhapatnam	9	35	41	—	—	—

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Hanumangarh, Rajasthan recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 416 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Aizawl, Mizoram recorded a healthy AQI score of 12

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

PUBLIC NOTICE
DOCUMENT MISSING

Notice is hereby given that the Sale Deed dated 28/4/1984, registered as document No.348/1984-85, registered in the office of the sub Registrar Shivajinagar, Bangalore, in respect of the immovable property No. 20, Old No. 14, having PID No. 82-63-20, situated at 16th Cross, Lakshmipuram, Ulsoor, Bengaluru, our client on 1/2/2020 , at Indiranagar, has unfortunately lost aforesaid Original document and the same is not traceable. If anybody is in possession of the Original Documents relating to the said property they are requested to hand over the same to the below address.

H.V.NAVEEN KUMAR RAO &
H.V.SUNIL KUMAR RAO
ADVOCATES
No. 57, 1st Floor, Veerapillai Street,
Near Commercial Street, Bengaluru-560001
Mob : 9341380225

FOOD, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT
Office of the Commissioner,
No.8, Cunningham Road, Bengaluru - 560052.

No: CFS/IT-02/10/2022-23 Date: 27-11-2023

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION - 2nd CALL

E-Bids from the eligible and interested Bidders are invited through e-Procurement Portal of Karnataka in Two Cover Systems for the **Design, Documentation, Supply, Installation, Configuration, Testing, Commissioning and Warranty of GPS based Vehicle Tracking System.** Tender will be processed only through e-Procurement Portal. Tenderers can download the tender document from the e-Procurement Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 28-11-2023.** Last Date for Submission of Queries is **05-12-2023 at 5.00 PM.** and Last Date for Submission of Bids is **28-12-2023 at 5.00 PM.** More details could be obtained from tender document and from the **Office of the Commissioner, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department, Bengaluru.** (E-Mail ID: **ddit.fcs-ka@nic.in,** Landline No: **080-22262187).**

Sd/- Commissioner
Food, Civil Supplies and
Consumer Affairs Department, Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/2292/
Adverto/2023-24

RAICHUR POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(A JOINT VENTURE COMPANY OF KPCL, BHEL)
CIN : U40101KA2009PLC049582

SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement portal only)

Tenders are invited through e-procurement portal **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** for (1) No. KPCL/2023-24/OF/WORK_INDENT515/CALL-4, Dated: 21.11.2023 for **RPCL-2X800MW YTPS-Supply, Installation and Commissioning of FOIS/TMS equipment's at Yardmaster Building(Newly constructed FOIS Building) for YTPS Railway Siding.** Last date for receipt of Tender: **09.12.2023 at 16.30 Hrs.** (2) No. KPCL/2023-24/RD/WORK_INDENT847/CALL-2, Dated: 21.11.2023 for **Formation of balance approach road and drain at ODPH of YTPS.** Approx. value of work: **Rs. 33,00,000/-.** EMD: **Rs. 66,000/-. Class of Contractor:** KPWD Class III & above. Further details can be had from the office of the **Executive Engineer (E-1), Mobile No.: 9448290799** for Sl.No. (1), **Executive Engineer(Civil), Mobile No.: 9480830567** for Sl.No. (2), YTPS, RPCL, Yeramarus-584 134, Dist. Raichur.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission
Karnataka State Health & Family Welfare Society
DoHFWS, Arogya Soudha,1st Floor, East Wing, Magadi Road,, Bengaluru-23
Phone No : 080-23113584, **email id:** pdrch-hfws@karnataka.gov.in

No: ABDM/Microsite Project/06/2023-24 (e-1090143) Date: 27/11/2023

Tender Notification through E -Procurement
SELECTION OF INTERFACE AGENCY FOR ACTIVATING AYUSHMAN BHARAT DIGITAL MISSION (ABDM) MICROSITES IN KARNATAKA

ABDM invites application from registered eligible service providers to submit their proposal through e–procurement portal as an Interface Agency for Activating Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission **(ABDM) Microsites** with required necessary documents.

Tender No: NHM/2023-24/SE0010

The detailed notification regarding eligibility and other details can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** The tender document can be downloaded from "e-procurement portal" from **27.11.2023** onwards and last date for receipt of tender is **16.12.2023** on or before **05.30 PM.**

Further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned during the office hours from **11:00 AM to 05:00PM.**

Sd/-
Project Director (RCH)

DIPR/CP/2299/Zen/2023-24

TAMIL NADU CIVIL SUPPLIES CORPORATION (TNCSC)
(Government of Tamil Nadu)
No. 12, Thambusamy Road, Kilpauk, Chennai – 600 010

E-TENDER NOTICE
E-Tender Reference No:ME5/50609/2021, Dated:22.11.2023

TNCSC a Government of Tamil Nadu organization invites e-tenders under "Two Cover System" from Private Players for setting up of Integrated Modern Rice Mills for handling the entire supply chain activities including hulling on Paddy Processing Agreement Basis in the following locations:

S.No.	District	Capacity
1.	Cuddalore	500 MT/day
2.	Theni	200 MT/day

The Tender documents can be downloaded at **www.tntenders.gov.in** from **29.11.2023.** The details of the tender is as follows:

1	Pre-bid meeting	**14.12.2023 at 11.00 AM**
2	Due Date & Time of submission of the tender	**26.12.2023 upto 11.00 AM**
3	Date & Time of opening of the tender	**27.12.2023 upto 11.30 AM**
4	Earnest Money Deposit	Rs.1,50,00,000/- for 500MT mill and Rs.60,00,000/- for 200MT mill. The procedure for remittance of EMD is given in the Tender Document

DIPR/6368/TENDER/2023 **MANAGING DIRECTOR**

INNOVATE KARNATAKA — K-tech

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING POST

Karnataka Innovation & Technology Society(KITS) is the implementation arm of the Department of EI., IT, Bt and S&T to oversee the activities related to innovation and technology in the State of Karnataka. KITS is the nodal agency to implement schemes & programs under the Startup Policy. One of the objectives of the Startup Policy is to create an inclusive and equitable Startup ecosystem in Karnataka. To achieve this objective, KITS has collaborated with other Government Departments to promote the Startup ecosystem in the State.

KITS intends to hire the resource on contract basis and the details are given below:-

Sl. No.	Designation	Minimum Qualification/ Experience	Remuneration (Consolidated)	No. of Post
1	Manager-Funding & Program	02 years full time MBA/ PGDM/PGDBA/ M.Sc. (Biotechnology/ Microbiology) with minimum 6 years of work experience in funding programs with good analytical skills and strong hold on DATA handling and Management.	Rs. 80,000/-	01

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for the above post with age limit less than 35 years. The posts are contractual and for a maximum period of 12 months.

The details are available at https://itbtst.karnataka.gov.in. The eligible candidates should e-mail their updated bio-data, a recent passport size colour photo, Marks Cards, experience certificate and degree certificate along with other supporting documents to gm1kbits@gmail.com. All the relevant documents need to be submitted in a single PDF file. Interview will be conducted for shortlisted candidates only. The decision of Selection Committee will be final and binding. The last date for submission of application is on or before 16th December 2023, 5.00 pm.

KARNATAKA INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY SOCIETY (KITS)
Department of Electronics, IT, BT and S&T, Government of Karnataka
BMTC Central Offices Building, TTMC 'B' Block, 4th Floor, Shanthinagar, KH Road, Bangalore-560027. India Phone : 080-22231006/8. https://itbtst.karnataka.gov.in

DIPR/CP/2295/2023-24

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Hebbala Division, 2nd Floor, BBMP Building, J.C. Nagara Main Road, Munireddy Palya, Bengaluru-32

No:EE/HBL/TEND/05/2023-24 Date: 27.11.2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through GOK KPP Portal only) **(STANDARD TENDER DOCUMENT KW - 1 & KW - 2)**

Tenders on Item Rate basis are invited by the undersigned for the works mentioned below from the registered contractors of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or Equivalent registration with CPWD/KPWD/Railways/MES or any State Government Organizations.

Sl. No.	Name of the Works	Estimate Cost (₹. in Lakhs)	EMD in thousands
1	Improvements to Roads and Drains and providing Missing Covering Slabs in Seethappa Layout, Venkataswamappa Layout, Avalappa Block, Akkamma Block and Surrounding areas in Ward No-71 Chamundinagara (Call-2)	85.00	**Rs. 1,70,000/- (1.00 Lakh through e-payment balance Rs.70,000/- through BG, BG Should be submit before opening of Technical Bid)**
2	Improvements to Roads and Drains and providing Missing Covering Slabs in R.T Nagar 1st Block, Ex-servicemen Colony, P & T Colony, Dinnuru and Surrounding areas in Ward No-71 Chamundinagara (Call-2)	85.00	**Rs. 1,70,000/- (1.00 Lakh through e-payment balance Rs.70,000/- through BG, BG Should be submit before opening of Technical Bid)**
3	Improvements to Roads and Drains and providing Missing Covering Slabs in Chamundinagara, Rahamathnagara and Surrounding areas in Ward No-71 Chamundinagara (Call-2)	67.00	**Rs. 1,34,000/- (1.00 Lakh through e-payment balance Rs.34,000/- through BG, BG Should be submit before opening of Technical Bid)**

Calendar of Events : (1) Tender documents can be uploaded from the e-portal on **28.11.2023**. (2) Last Date for uploading the Filled Proposals is **11.12.2023** upto **4:00** pm. (3) Date of opening of Financial Proposals is **12.12.2023** after **11:00** am. (4) This tender notice can also be seen on the BBMP Website: **www.bbmp.gov.in.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer-Hebbala Division

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KOPPAL INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES (R), KOPPAL
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(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರಕಾರದ ಸ್ವಾಯತ್ತ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ)
Website : www.kimskoppal.com
email :directorkimskoppal@gmail.com
Office : 08539 225522 **Office : 08539-225523**

No:KIMS/KOPPAL/SCP-TSP/UG-MEDICAL & NURSING/BOOKS/06/2023-24.

DATE: 27.11.2023

E-TENDER-NOTIFICATION

Tender is invited for Supply of Medical Books for KIMS Koppal Medical & Nursing Students under SCP/TSP scheme for the year 2023-24 in a two cover Bid System through e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from interested Tenderers. Tender Start Date: **29/11/2023** Tender Last Date: **13/12/2023** Tender Approximate Cost: **40.04 Lakhs.** The detailed tender schedule & other terms and conditions of tender can be viewed in tender document.

Sd/- **Dean cum Directors,**
Koppal Institute of Medical Science,
Koppal.

DIPR/KOPPAL/255/2023-24/DESHPANDE PUBLICITY

A touchstone of risk

Extra precautions must be in place while carving through mountains

Sunday went by, and while a day of rest for many, it marked two weeks since 41 construction workers, building a tunnel as part of an ambitious road widening project, got trapped inside. There is a massive rescue operation under way. When reports of the mishap first came in, nothing in the preliminary assessment by state authorities suggested that this would be such a drawn-out and challenging exercise. The Silkyara Bend Tunnel is a part of the Char Dham Pariyojana (project) in Uttarakhand that aims to improve connectivity to the religious pilgrimage sites of Gangotri, Yamnotri, Kedarnath, and Badrinath. The trapped workers were extending National Highway 134 to cut travel time by an hour. Now, hundreds of hours have been spent in what so far appears to be a slapdash rescue operation. The entrapped workers and their families are undergoing extreme psychological stress. In hindsight, all this suggests that this was a project that ought not to have commenced in the first place.

Even prior to this mishap, environmentalists, scientists, and local residents had raised concerns about the Char Dham Pariyojana. The project, which involves widening 900 km of roads via tunnels, culverts, by-passes and bridges, has long been criticised because it involves carving through Himalayan mountains in ways that greatly increase the chances of landslides and associated disasters. While the project was finally approved by the Supreme Court, in the interests of "national security", the government adopted the unusual measure of avoiding a comprehensive environment impact assessment (EIA) of the Char Dham Pariyojana by breaking it up into smaller, independent ventures. The peril of doing so is precisely what has unfolded: that the risks involved in engineering projects, in fragile ecosystems, are not properly accounted for. This is certainly not to suggest that engineering projects in the Himalayas are in principle flawed. The smoother roadways and newer economic opportunities that they may bring are worthwhile considerations and it is precisely to weigh the risks against the benefits that the EIA exists. Despite several instances of roads being washed away and dams breached, there is still the lack of an awareness that infrastructure development in fragile terrain requires much greater scrutiny, expertise and project-monitoring skills – and therefore much higher costs – than similar exercises in the plains and cities. The Silkyara tunnel disaster must serve as a touchstone against which future projects will be evaluated.

Not a panacea

Intra-community disparities lie behind Maratha demand for reservations

In a sign of significant socioeconomic churning in various parts of India, there have been demands for reservation by communities that are known to be politically dominant and are not traditionally classified as "backward". The agitation for reservation by members of the Maratha community in Maharashtra is one such. The community has had significant representation in positions of political power – over 35% of MLAs since 1967 and 12 of 18 Chief Ministers in the State. It has also traditionally been economically influential in rural areas due to landowning – over 75% of the cultivable land in the State – besides controlling an overwhelming majority of sugar factories. Data from the India Human Development Survey (IHDS) in 2011-12 in the State have shown that Marathas had a per capita consumption expenditure only lower than that of Brahmins; poverty incidence among Marathas was comparable to that of other forward communities and significantly lower than that of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and marginally lower than that of Other Backward Classes. It is evident why the Supreme Court in 2021 struck down the 16% quota provided under the Socially and Economically Backward Classes for Marathas in jobs and education.

And yet the demand is not difficult to fathom. Despite the relative dominance, there are significant intra-community variations in terms of income and educational outcomes. The IHDS survey showed that the highest quintile of the community had an average per capita income of ₹86,750, while the per capita income of the lowest quintile was one-tenth of this. This disparity, besides the predominant rural nature of livelihoods among the poorer Marathas amid the prolonged nature of the recurring agrarian crisis in the State, has given rise to resentment and the demand for reservations. The Eknath Shinde government bowed to the demands of the latest agitation and set up a committee led by Justice Sandeep Shinde to help expedite the issue of Kunbi certificates to all Marathas so that they could benefit from reservations as part of the OBCs. But this has led to tensions with OBC leaders, including from the ruling coalition, demanding that the government scrap the committee. The need for a comprehensive socio-economic survey across States, instead of knee-jerk responses to agitations, is a must to evaluate the implementation of reservation, its outcomes, and to find out which group deserves it based on constitutional provisions. More importantly, with government jobs shrinking to a mere fraction of overall employment, reservations cannot be a panacea for the uplift of the poor among Marathas.

The many grave risks confronting the world today

M.K. Narayanan

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If, as is sometimes mentioned, war reflects geo-political incompetence, then the first quarter of the 21st century reflects incompetence of the highest order, with several nations contributing to this state of affairs. Europe, Asia, and Africa seem to be in a state of permanent dissonance today, while North and South America are plagued by problems of varying magnitude. All this has set the stage for multi-polar disorder.

Multi-polar disorder

Liberal democracy confronts a multitude of dangers. On September 11, 2001, with al-Qaeda attacking the Twin Towers in New York, terrorism gained a new dimension. A few years later, we saw the rise of the Islamic State, which even talked of establishing a state of its own. Meanwhile, there were, and still exist, many lesser-known terrorist outfits such as the Pakistan-backed Lashkar-e-Taiba, which was responsible for carrying out attacks in Mumbai on November 26, 2008, and the Boko Haram in Africa, which continues to indulge in terror attacks in different regions of the globe.

The attack on the State of Israel by Hamas, a Palestinian terror outfit, however, represents a new high in the evolution of terrorism. That a little-acknowledged Palestinian terror outfit could take on Israel, which boasts of one of the most powerful armies in the world, is having a seismic impact across the world. Hence, there appears to be no end in sight to the challenges posed by fanaticised groups intending to achieve their ends and reinforce their beliefs.

The attack on Ukraine by Russia on February 24, 2022, though, falls into a different category, viz., of conventional conflicts, but is nevertheless highly disconcerting. The prolongation of the conflict, which was not expected to last for more than a few weeks, to well over 18 months, represents an even more disturbing trend. Even as the war continues to fester, neither Russia nor Ukraine (including NATO) is willing to consider a pause. A plethora of new technologies and strategies have proved insufficient to sort out matters on the battlefield. With each month, the risk of a wider conflagration is going up, and the conflict shows few signs of reaching a resolution.

A new battleground has opened up very recently in West Asia, following the terror attack by Hamas on Israel, which is turning into an all-out conflict. Much of the West is backing Israel, while the Arab world is left with little choice but to back Hamas. What is disconcerting is that several weeks into the conflict, the threat of an all-out war (in a region that has seldom had long periods of peace) looms large. The two-state solution for resolving the Palestinian conflict has, in turn, been confined to the detritus of history and the region is all set for another half a century of conflict. The Abraham Accords and other peace accords have fallen like ninepins.

There is worse to come. A massive United States Naval deployment, from the Mediterranean to the Gulf of Oman, in the wake of the Hamas-Israel conflict, has the potential of bringing Iran-backed Shia militant organisations (such as the Hezbollah) directly, and Iran at a later date, into the conflict. This would substantially alter the nature of the conflict and could lead to unpredictable consequences.

> The threat of terrorism, technology risks, health problems, and the issue of climate change all confront the world in the 21st century

Uneasiness in the Indo-Pacific region

Notwithstanding the West Asia imbroglio, it is the uneasy situation in the Indo-Pacific region that contains even greater potential for a wide-ranging conflict – one that could well involve the U.S. and China directly. This region is already a byword for strategic competition and contestation. As it is, the U.S. and China have little space for cooperation here, as elsewhere, but both now seem intent on enlarging the scope of their conflict. The U.S. appears to think that with China's growth having slowed, accompanied by its inability to get advanced technology from the West, it now has the upper hand.

China, for its part, is vigorously pursuing its two contradictory goals viz., to checkmate the 'U.S.-dominated world order' and in turn ensure the success of a China-dominated order. Issues such as Taiwan are, hence, not receiving the attention they deserve.

As of now, the West is merely intent on replicating the tactics it employed in Ukraine to stymie Russia's advance, in the Indo-Pacific, ignoring the fundamental difference that exists between the situation in Europe and in the Indo-Pacific at present. The East, for instance, has no military arrangement like the NATO and has at best some loose untested security arrangements (such as AUKUS and the Quad) to confront China. Equally important is that few countries in Asia are ready for a military confrontation with China.

Technology risks

Additionally, in the category of grave risks that confront the world today are many that belong to the technology domain – more specifically Artificial Intelligence (AI) and cyber. Even as the digital threat scene has verily exploded, digital uncertainty is making a mockery of the established order. As growing numbers of people, cognitively and psychologically, become dependent on digital networks, many critical aspects of their thinking and functioning would be conditioned by AI. The emergence of generative AI will be the real game changer, and experts predict that the situation could become even more critical in the near future. The real risk is that it could alter the very fabric of nation states, with truth itself becoming a casualty – the deepfake syndrome.

The use of AI, especially for military and security purposes, is cause for utmost concern. It has to be managed with great care, for the dangers are immense. AI is capable of being vitiated, and subject to different types of 'adversarial attacks' viz. 'poisoning' (which typically aims to degrade a module's ability to make relevant predictions), 'backdooring' (which involves a malicious trigger input that causes the AI module into misclassifying inputs), 'evasion', etc. The need for extreme caution, hence, cannot be overemphasised.

The cyber domain and the cyber threat again pose serious security risks. The world is already aware of threats such as Ransomware and Phishing, as also the Zero-day syndrome, but there is much more to come. Digital trackers logged more than 5.5 trillion cyber-attacks worldwide in 2021 (over 14.5 billion attacks per day). Since then, the scale of attacks has been increasing in geometrical progression. The twin threats from AI and cyber are thus poised to emerge as the biggest dangers we face and will be the critical elements in future wars.

Meantime, quantum computing is another dimension that is likely to transform the world. Quantum's unique ability to crunch stacks of data is already reshaping certain designated sectors. Quantum AI simulation denotes a mind-boggling degree of effectiveness and efficiency but there are equally intrinsic risks attached to it.

Another domain of global risk is health, for as humanity advances, health has become a critical factor of everyday existence. The COVID-19 pandemic has been characterised as among the world's worst epidemics. The health forecast is that more such epidemics are slated to occur.

In the final reckoning, many experts are of the view that climate change and climate change health issues will be among the biggest global risks as the 21st century advances.

It's time to revamp the structure of the Supreme Court

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The Supreme Court of India has three jurisdictions under the Constitution: original, appellate, and advisory. The Supreme Court serves as a Constitutional Court as well as a Court of Appeal. The Court sits in benches of varying sizes, as determined by the Registry on the directions of the Chief Justice of India (CJI), who is the Master of the Roster.

Constitution Benches of the Supreme Court typically comprise five, seven, or nine judges who deliberate on a specific issue related to constitutional law. Article 145(3) of the Constitution provides for the setting up of a Constitution Bench. It says a minimum of five judges need to sit for deciding a case involving a "substantial question of law as to the interpretation of the Constitution", or for hearing any reference under Article 143, which deals with the power of the President to consult the Court.

Typically, cases before the Supreme Court are heard by Division Benches (of two judges) or full Benches (three judges) to examine a wide range of topics, such as film prohibitions/restrictions or charges that a police commissioner abused his position. Under its very broad jurisdiction, the Supreme Court has entertained frivolous public interest litigations, such as demands that passages be deleted from the Quran or secularism be removed from the Preamble to the Constitution.

This is why, at present, there are 79,813 cases pending before the 34 judges of the Supreme Court. It is therefore understandable that there has been demand time and again for a structural change in the top court. Recently, CJI D.Y. Chandrachud announced his intent to create Constitution Benches of varied strengths as a permanent feature of the Court.

Discourse on a separate Constitution Bench

In March 1984, the Tenth Law Commission of India proposed that the Supreme Court be split into two divisions: the Constitutional Division and the Legal Division. The proposal stated that only issues pertaining to constitutional law would be brought to the proposed Constitutional Division.

> The work of the Supreme Court could be split so that there is a Final Court of Appeal and a permanent Constitution Bench to ensure greater judicial stability and consistency

Reiterating this, the Eleventh Law Commission stated in 1988 that dividing the Supreme Court into parts would make justice more widely available and would significantly decrease the fees that litigants have to pay. It was reported that appeals in the top court mostly comprised matters from High Courts that are closer to the Supreme Court. That is, appeals from the Punjab and Haryana High Court, Allahabad High Court, and Delhi High Court formed the major chunk of matters, whereas courts far away from the apex court had fewer appeals filed, due to both difficulties in accessibility and costs.

Earlier, in *Bihar Legal Support Society v. Chief Justice of India* (1986), the Supreme Court stated that it was "desirable" to establish a National Court of Appeal that would be able to entertain special leave petitions. This would allow the Supreme Court to only entertain constitutional and public law-related questions.

As a step towards making the Court more accessible, the 229th Law Commission Report (2009) recommended four regional benches to be located in Delhi, Chennai or Hyderabad, Kolkata, and Mumbai to hear non-constitutional issues. It recommended six judges from each region at four regional benches take up appellate responsibility, with a Constitution Bench in New Delhi working on a regular basis. By dividing the heavy backlog of non-constitutional cases among regional benches, the Supreme Court, it said, could "deal with constitutional issues and other cases of national importance on a day-to-day basis."

During colonial times, there were three Supreme Courts: in Bombay, Calcutta, and Madras. The Indian High Courts Act of 1861 replaced the Supreme Courts with High Courts for separate regions. The Government of India Act, 1935, created the Federal Court of India as an appellate body for the Privy Council and High Courts. India approved the Constitution in 1949. The Supreme Court, as we know it now, was founded on January 28, 1950, under Article 124 of the Constitution, two days after India became an independent, democratic republic. It came into being in Delhi as a result of Article 130.

The first Supreme Court included eight judges, including the CJI. As the workload rose year after year and arrears of cases began to accumulate, Parliament increased the number of judges from eight in 1950 to 11 in 1956, 14 in 1960, 18 in 1978, 26 in 1986, 31 in 2009 and 34 in 2019.

An overburdened court

Today's Supreme Court issues around 8-10 decisions each year through Constitution Benches of five or more judges. It serves primarily as an appeals court. Only four of the 1,263 decisions issued in 2022 were issued by a Constitution Bench. The Supreme Court hears matters between the Centre and the States, as well as between two or more States; rules on civil and criminal appeals; and provides legal and factual advice to the President. Any person can immediately petition the Supreme Court if they consider their basic rights have been infringed.

The work of the Supreme Court could be split so that there is a Final Court of Appeal and a permanent Constitution Bench. This would ensure greater judicial stability and consistency by explicitly distinguishing cases filed under constitutional authority from those filed under appellate and review jurisdiction.

A Constitution Bench (*V. Vasanthkumar v. H.C. Bhatia*) is analysing these issues and contemplating measures to protect a citizen's basic right to access the Supreme Court. Under the guidance of the CJI, there is an opportunity to address this structural gap in the Supreme Court by designating several of the court's appeal benches as regional benches.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Safety is paramount

The efforts undertaken by the rescue teams and authorities are commendable ("On Day 15 at Silkyara, rescuers set a 100-hour vertical drilling target," Nov. 27). The updates provide hope. The whole country stands united in the hope that the operation is successful. However, later, there must be a thorough investigation into the causes of this collapse. The safety and well-being of citizens must remain paramount in all infrastructure development projects.

Maimul Safui
Howrah

Constitution Day

I request the CJI and the lower courts not to encourage appeals as it takes years for litigants to get a case solved, not to mention the costs they bear ("SC has always acted as 'people's court': CJI on Constitution Day", Nov. 28). Those who go to court need an early solution instead of leaving with the feeling that courts aggravate their problem.

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Chennai

While the Supreme Court plays an important role in delivering justice, the Indian judiciary is extremely slow. Litigants have to wait years, sometimes decades, for closure. Pendency is an issue. There should be some time frame to dispose of civil cases. We need more judges and courts.

Balasubramaniam Pavani
Secunderabad

Protecting elephants

Often, illegal electric fences abut elephant corridors ("Three elephants electrocuted, another dies after giving birth to calf in Tamil Nadu," Nov. 27). This points to the failure of the authorities in tackling this menace with an iron hand.

A.V. Narayanan
Tiruchi

The fine for using illegal electric fences to protect farmlands from wild animals is merely a few thousand rupees and a jail sentence. The TANGEDCO norms authorise only five joules of electricity over an electricity fence, whereas owners of farmlands use more than 100 joules of electricity over an electric fence. This is because these owners use cheap and substandard, non-BIS-authorised electric fence systems. The government should take steps to ensure that only BIS-authorised fences are used and an authorised flow of electricity is maintained. Further, frequent patrolling and checks by authorities at farmlands should be done to ensure proper usage of authorised fencing systems.

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Fading sheen of Maoists' poll boycott call

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Desperate to disrupt the recently held Assembly elections in Chhattisgarh, the Maoists had to bite the dust in their own guerrilla bases. The elections boycott call issued by the CPI (Maoist) neither had any major impact on the people willing to cast their vote nor on disrupting elections by means of violence. This time, the security forces – having increased their reach in the past five years by establishing new camps in the forward areas – had an upper hand in ensuring the peaceful conduct of elections in the State.

Security forces vs Maoists

Chhattisgarh has 14 districts affected by Left-Wing Extremism (LWE) activities; all of them are included in the Security Related Expenditure (SRE) Scheme of the MHA [Ministry of Home Affairs] and given financial grants on various counts. Five battalions of the CRPF allotted to Chhattisgarh (in addition to the 44 battalions already deployed) since the last Assembly elections in 2018, and the redeployment of many companies resulted in the establishment of no less than 75 new security camps in the SRE districts, mostly in the Bastar region. In addition, the recently recruited Bastar Fighters force of more than 2,000 local youth (including 460 women) from seven districts of the Bastar range also helped in securing the votes and keeping the Maoists at bay.

Whereas all seven districts of the Bastar range and (south) Rajnandgaon fall under the influence of the Dandkarnaya Special Zone (DKSZ); North Rajnandgaon, Kabirdham and Mungeli district of Chhattisgarh under the Maharashtra-Madhya Pradesh-Chhattisgarh (MMC) Special Zone; and Gariyaband, Dhamtari and Mahasamund districts, which border Odisha, fall under the influence of the Odisha State Committee of the banned CPI (Maoist). One district – Balrampur (in North Chhattisgarh) – which borders Jharkhand is partly affected by the Koel-Shankh Zone of the Jharkhand Regional Committee (of the Bihar-Jharkhand Special Area Committee). While the MMC Zone is comparatively new, the Maoists have been active in DK since the 1980s.

The 'Strategy and Tactics of the Indian Revolution' document of the CPI (Maoist) clearly says that since "there is no objective basis in India for exposing the parliamentary system from within, it can be best done by direct propaganda and organising the people against the parliamentary and election system on the basis of election boycott slogan".

With this security scenario in the backdrop and the Maoist strategy in place, it will be relevant to see the effect of the Maoist diktat of boycott on the Assembly elections.

Better and safer polling

The Maoists went by their rule book and issued pamphlets, painted some walls and hung banners in the LWE-affected areas. In nine SRE districts (including seven severely affected districts), the elections for 20 Assembly seats were held in the first phase on November 7 and in the rest of the districts for 70 seats (including five SRE districts) on November 17. The first phase was crucial from the LWE point of view. With the number of polling booths increased (by 126) and relocated booths decreased (by 44) in the Bastar range, the challenge for security forces was bigger and that too in the southern districts of Sukma, Dantewada and Bijapur where the Maoists claimed the Revolutionary People's Councils (RPCs) i.e., Jantana Sarkars to be more influential in putting the boycott in effect in previous elections.

In Sukma (one of the worst affected districts), the polling registered an overall increase of about 8% (from about 55% to about 63%). In all interior locations such as Minapa, Elmagunda, Karigundam and Pongabheji (Maoists threatened to cut the hands of people who went to vote) where the Maoist military formations' presence was prominent and the voting used to be negligible, the voting percentage this time varied from 40% to 60%. Though many IEDs were recovered by the security forces in the district, one jawan got injured near Elmagunga by an IED blast and two jawans got injured in firing near Minapa.

In Dantewada (with an increase of 14 new polling booths), not only did the polling percentage increase by more than 9%, relocation of booths reduced by two-thirds (i.e., from 21 to 7). In Potali village, where the Maoists (in the guise of villagers) protested the establishment of the security camp in 2021 tooth and nail for quite some time, the polling percentage was about 45% (against about 1% in the 2018 elections). There are examples of more such polling booths.

While two jawans were killed (one each in Kanker and Gariyaband district) in IED blasts (and one BJP office bearer of Narayanpur was killed by the Maoists) and one AK-47 was also recovered by the security forces in Kanker, the elections were free from disruption in all SRE districts. The voters had to travel shorter distances with reduced shifting and many new booths near their native villages.

The boycott call by the Maoists has fewer takers now. Though the overall polling in the first phase increased by about 1.5% (from 76.5% to 78%), more people came forward to cast their votes in the guerrilla bases. This negates the Maoists' claim that villagers are politically motivated by their ideology and don't cast votes on their own. The lip service done by the Maoists' RPCs have failed to bind villagers with their blood-soaked ideology. If the security vacuum that still exists in some pockets of Bastar is filled up, the day is not far when the boycott call will lose ground in toto.

The increased polling and far fewer incidents of violence in this year's Assembly election in Chhattisgarh is proof that the diktat is losing sway

DMK's expediency on land acquisition

Once in power, the party has changed its stance on acquiring land for projects

STATE OF PLAY

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It is a reversal of role for the ruling DMK. The party, which had opposed the acquisition of land for infrastructural projects and expansion of roads when it was in the Opposition, finds itself in an awkward position, facing challenges and opposition from land owners.

The DMK opposed the Centre's Land Acquisition Bill in 2015 and organised Statewide protests. Likewise, incumbent Chief Minister M.K. Stalin, who was the Leader of the Opposition at that time, came out strongly against the Centre for its petition in the Supreme Court seeking early hearing of an appeal challenging the Madras High Court verdict quashing the land acquisition for the Chennai-Salem expressway project. He said the Centre and the State should drop their plan of implementing the project and make a transparent announcement in this regard. He also demanded consultations with farmers and the public, and find an alternative way to implement the project without impacting the environment.

After coming to power, the DMK said it was not against the Chennai-Salem greenfield corridor project as it was projected to be. State Highway Minister E.V. Velu said the DMK was particular that the concerns raised by the farmers should be addressed first before going ahead with acquiring land for the project.

It is not just the Expressway and the acquisition of land for Parandur Airport near Chennai. The DMK has also been criticised for keeping silent over the Neyveli Lignite Corporation's (NLC) land acquisition for expansion.

When the villagers opposed the Parandur airport, the then Industries Minister Thangam Thennarasu, who held talks with them, said villagers giving up their land would be compensated with an amount above the current market value. He also promised that the water bodies in the region would be protected and maintained by the government. However, local villagers had then questioned what use would the water bodies be when the inhabitants are displaced.

Nonetheless Mr. Thennarasu in a way echoed the views of Nobel Laureate Amartya Sen, who expressed his views on acquisition of land for industrial purposes in Singur and Nandigram in West Bengal. Commenting on the practice of the government paying a price much higher than the value of the land in the free market, Mr. Sen had said in an interview to *The Telegraph*, "From that point of view, it was fair. Had there been no industry, they would have got the best value for the land. [Had the land not been taken for industry, the price they got would have been considered the best value]."

Interestingly, the DMK faced similar opposition between 2006 and 2011 when it had plans to acquire lands for satellite towns and Special Economic Zones (SEZs). The PMK, then an ally of the DMK, was steadfast in its opposition to the acquisition of farmlands. It was then that DMK president and Chief Minister M. Karunanidhi published verbatim the interview of Amartya Sen with an introduction under his famous column, '*Udanpirappukku Kaditham* (Letter to the Partymen)'

"While the compensation paid is greater than the value of the land seen as agricultural land, the compensation paid by the government is less than what the value would have been had it been free for competition with industries. If you are part of the market economy, then you have to take into account what the value of the land would have been had it been freely available for industry," Mr. Sen had suggested.

While industries are the wheels of growth, the DMK should also keep in mind the message of its founder C. N. Annadurai on the growth of industry after he visited America and Japan in the 1960s. Regretting that the two five-year plans had not placed adequate thrust on agriculture, Annadurai in an interview to *All India Radio* pointed out that America had first developed their agriculture and through it raised the prosperity of the rural parts. "When there is prosperity in the rural part, they were able to contribute, share and capital for various industries. That is how the industrial progress of America was achieved," he had said.

Annadurai had also made an important observation about the poor quality of soil in India as it had been overused for more than 2,000 years, and the absence of perennial rivers, obviously conveying the message that we cannot afford to lose the existing wetlands.

J&K faces 30 days worth of power cuts in a year

In both the duration and number of power outages, the Union Territory's numbers are relatively far higher

DATA POINT

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Power outages have been a persistent issue in the Jammu and Kashmir U.T. with recent news reports indicating that the duration of these cuts is now extending to over 18 hours a day. The region is prone to power cuts; during the pandemic peak two years back, people had found it tough to operate oxygen cylinders due to many unscheduled outages. This time, too, the record electricity cuts have come during winter when minimum temperatures are plummeting.

In this issue, J&K is one of the handful of U.T.s/States facing hardships. While uninterrupted electricity across the year is still not realised in any of the Indian provinces, the U.T. stands out as an outlier topping both in number and duration of outages by a wide margin. SAIDI and SAIFI are two measures that can be used to compare the scale of power outages.

SAIDI (System Average Interruption Duration Index) measures the hours of non-momentary electric interruptions, per year, experienced by an average customer. **Chart 1** plots SAIDI values of 50 power distribution companies across 29 States and U.T.s. for 2021-22. The two power distribution companies in J&K U.T. – KPDCL and JPDCL – are highlighted.

These two companies top the SAIDI chart for that year. The KPDCL recorded 889 hours worth of interruptions per customer in 2021-22. In other words, about 37 days' worth of power cuts. The JPDCL recorded 489 hours – close to 20 days.

SAIFI (System Average Interruption Frequency Index) measures the number of non-momentary electric interruptions, per year, experienced by an average customer. **Chart 2** plots SAIFI values for the year 2021-22. KPDCL recorded a total of 713 interruptions that year, second highest for any company. JPDCL recorded 442 interruptions, fourth highest.

As can be noticed, in both charts, GESCOM, a power distribution company in Karnataka, is among the outliers. While that is true, the other companies in Karnataka have fared much better, making J&K U.T. an exception as both the companies have very high SAIDI and SAIFI values, resulting in the entire region suffering.

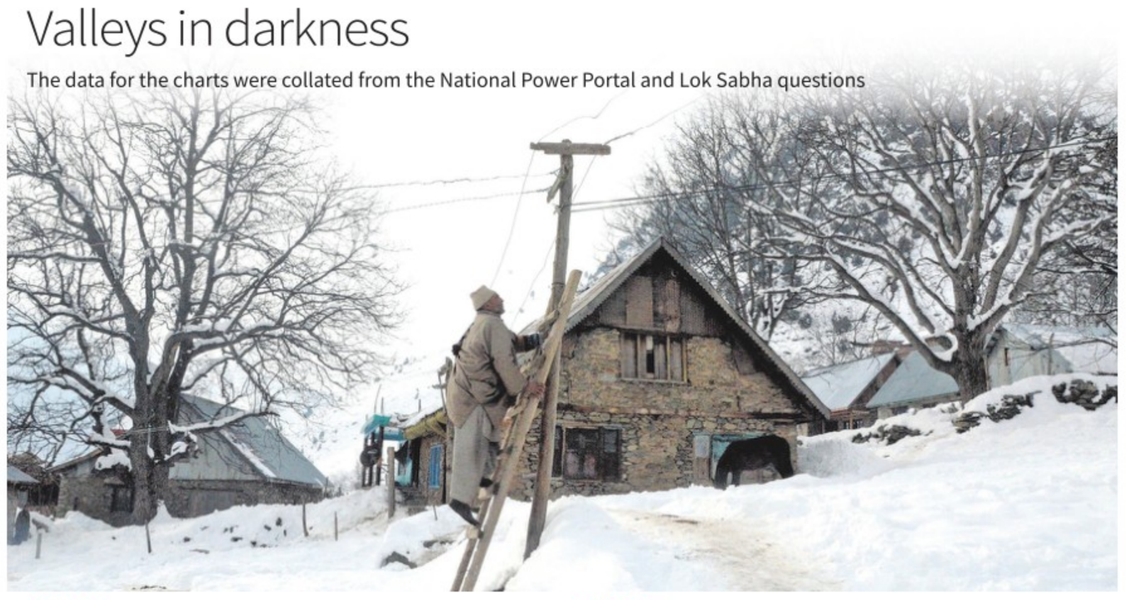
While the above data is for 2021-22, more recent data shows the poor show continues and may have even worsened in the U.T. **Chart 3** shows the SAIFI and SAIDI values for the month of September 2023. In just that one month, KPDCL recorded a SAIFI value of 105, which means there were more than a hundred power interruptions. The second highest was much lower at just 47 (Meghalaya Energy Corporation Limited). In the same month, KPDCL recorded a SAIDI value of 80, which means that there were 80 hours worth of power cuts, the second highest.

One more important point to note is that, in most States, while power cuts are still prevalent in rural places, urban areas are relatively insulated from such outages. However, the power situation in the U.T. is equally worrisome in both urban and rural places. **Chart 4** shows the average hours of power outage in 2020-21 only in urban areas, across States and U.T.s. With over 736 hours worth of cuts, J&K U.T. lags other States in this measure by a wide margin. In fact, the two States that come closest are in the northeast – the other region in the country where this issue is prevalent.

Such prolonged power outages reduce the per capita income of a household and lead to a reduction in the study time of girls in an Indian household. It also reduces the employment time of women in India, a World Bank report argues.

Valleys in darkness

The data for the charts were collated from the National Power Portal and Lok Sabha questions



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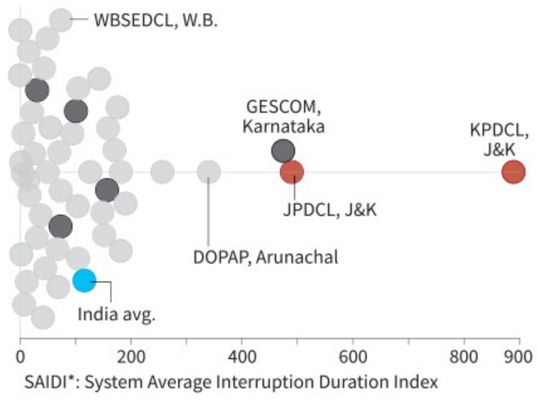

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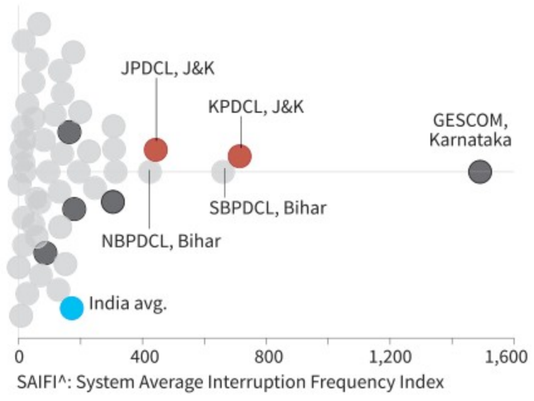

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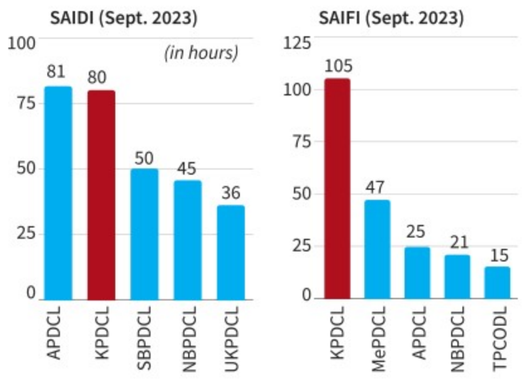

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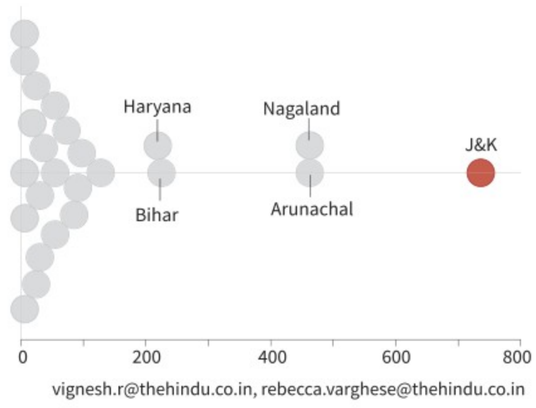

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FIFTY YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 28, 1973

West German Call for European Energy Policy

From Batuk Gathani

LONDON, Nov. 27. Fears of a severe economic recession next year compounded by consequences of energy crisis can cause major convulsions in the structure of Western society. Nightmarish forebodings of a possible collapse of Western monetary and economic systems appear in the fast sliding share markets of Western capitals. Within the last two weeks the total loss in British share values is computed at nearly Rs. 12,000 crores.

Petrol rationing in one form or other is now prevalent in all Western countries except France. The British Government is to start issuing petrol ration coupons on Thursday. There are renewed fears on the continent that the energy crisis and its consequences could disrupt the moral structure of European Community.

It is in this background that the West German Chancellor, Mr. Willy Brandt, yesterday pleaded with President Pompidou of France for a strong European energy policy at the current Franco-German summit meeting in Paris.

Both leaders discussed how to improve European political cooperation. Mr. Brandt said that the energy crisis called into question the continent's very existence. "None of us has a right to leave another alone with the worries", Mr. Brandt said in an unmistakable reference to the plight of Holland. If the ill wind from West Asia has given a new impetus to the search for a political unity in Western Europe and a new urgency to the need for a common energy policy, there is also sadness about the state of Franco-German relations.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 28, 1923

Mysore Civil Service.

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BANGALORE, Nov. 27.

Open competitive examination will be held in October 1924 for selection of candidates for the Mysore Civil service. Subjects and other particulars connected with the examination will be notified later. The last competitive examination for the Civil service was held in the year 1919. Since then no examination was held owing to reduction effected in cadre and large number of men recruited in the year 1920.

From Page One

Manual drilling on to reach stuck workers

Speaking about rat mining, a senior official in State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) said it is a method generally used in Meghalaya to extract coal from narrow pits dug into the ground. The rat miners generally make holes only large enough for one person to enter.

"Most of the rat miners are low-wage labourers. Inside these small pits, primitive tools such as shovels and baskets are used to extract coal. It is not a very safe and scientific practice but we hope that this will work for us at this tunnel site," he added.

Parsadi Lodhi, who lives in Delhi and has been deployed at the Silkyara rescue site, said he has been doing rat drilling for years and is happy to be a part of the rescue operations. "They are also labourers like us. I wish if we manage to get them out," said Mr. Lodhi.

Speaking about vertical drilling, where the target to reach the whole 86 metres in 100 hours, Mahmood Ahmed, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, said the work is under way at a fast pace but utmost caution is being taken considering the geology of the site.

The authorities heading the operations are also concerned for the safety of the rescue teams as reportedly, geological experts have warned of muck and debris falling on them. To protect rescuers working round the clock, the process of erecting "false ribs" – support structures – on the top of the tunnel started on November 25. In the last 48 hours, eight false ribs towards the tunnel's mouth on Silkyara side have been erected.

Milind Raj, a robotic scientist, who also joined the rescue operations in Silkyara on Monday, claimed that he has built a robot which will be sent inside the tunnel, via the six-inch lifeline pipeline, which will not only monitor the health of the workers but will also help in detecting hazardous gases inside, like methane. "I have placed all the systems. This robot, built with indigenous technology in just 40 hours, is for 'SoS' operations," Mr. Raj told *The Hindu*.

EC stops Telangana's farmer aid scheme

The commission noted that the Minister had "not only violated the provisions of the model code of conduct but also conditions laid down by publicising the release under the scheme, thereby disturbed the level playing field in the ongoing election process".

Taken aback by the sudden decision of the commission, the ruling BRS requested the poll body to reconsider its decision.

In a three-page letter addressed to the EC and Chief Electoral Officer of the State, BRS secretary-general K. Keshava Rao and its general secretary S. Bharath Kumar stated that the Rythu Bandhu was an ongoing scheme since May 2018. Assistance under the scheme had been disbursed for 11 crop seasons already, they said.

The letter said that the ground that the disbursement was stopped as Mr. Harish Rao violated norms was wrong as the Minister had not made any comment in violation of the EC's orders. He had merely thanked the commission for allowing the disbursement of the scheme amount to farmers in the State. The inadvertent statement was nothing but an expression of gratitude for the EC decision.

Khalistan supporters heckle Indian envoy at U.S. gurdwara

The Sikh faithful made the protesters who raised questions about Nijjar killing leave the place; Taranjit Singh Sandhu promises all help and support to the community; gurdwara members and officials felicitated the Ambassador

Press Trust of India
NEW YORK

A group of Khalistani supporters tried to heckle India's Ambassador to the U.S., Taranjit Singh Sandhu, at a gurdwara in Long Island in New York on Sunday, but they were escorted out by members of the Sikh community.

In a post on X (formerly Twitter), Mr. Sandhu said he was privileged to join the local *Sangat*, including from Afghanistan, at Guru Nanak Darbar of Long Island in celebrating Gurpurab. He said he had listened to *Kirtan*, spoken about Guru Nanak's everlasting message of togetherness, unity, and equality, partook *langar*, and sought blessings for all.

After Mr. Sandhu arrived at the Hicksville Gurdwara, a few nuisance makers tried to heckle him but were escorted out by members of the Sikh community, sources said.

They shouted questions about Khalistani separatist Hardeep Singh Nijjar, who was killed in Canada in June, show videos being circulated after the incident.

Coming together: Indian Ambassador to the U.S., Taranjit Singh Sandhu, during the Guru Nanak Jayanti celebrations at Guru Nanak Darbar of Long Island in New York on Sunday. ANI

In his remarks at the gurdwara, Mr. Sandhu assured members of the Sikh community that Indian diplomats in the U.S. would provide all help and support to them.

Mr. Sandhu, accompanied by the Consul-General in New York, Randhir Jaiswal, and Deputy Consul-General Varun Jeph, highlighted growth in the India-U.S. partnership in the healthcare, energy, information technology, emerging technologies, semiconductor and the education sectors.

On the occasion, the gurdwara members and officials honoured and felicitated the Indian Ambassador.

Historical linkages

Mr. Sandhu spoke about the historical linkages between Sikh Gurus, Sikhs and Afghanistan. He noted that Afghan Sikhs had shown how to face adversities.

He mentioned that three *Saroops* of the Sikh scripture Guru Granth Sahib were brought from Kabul to Delhi in August 2021 after the Taliban took over the war-torn country.

Earlier, in a separate tweet, Mr. Sandhu spoke of Guru Nanak Devji's timeless message of equality and universal oneness in the well-known Shabad of Guru Ravidass as he paid his respects at the Sri Guru Ravidass Temple in New York on November 25.

Fadnavis says talks to be held for LS seat sharing

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Days after he asserted that the BJP aims to contest 26 out of 48 seats in Maharashtra for the upcoming Lok Sabha election, Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Monday said that discussions with allies would determine the seat-sharing formula.

Stressing the importance of parties retaining constituencies they had contested, Mr. Fadnavis outlined the 'basis' for the formula. "Respective parties should get to retain the constituencies they had contested earlier while underlining the "basis" of the seat-sharing formula," he said.

The tripartite Mahayuti alliance, consisting of the BJP, Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena, and the Nationalist Congress Party faction led by Ajit Pawar, is yet to initiate discussions on seat-sharing arrangement.

Mr. Fadnavis said the final formula would be based on allocating seats to parties that had contested specific constituencies in the past.

45-year-old Dalit woman killed by two in Gujarat

The Hindu Bureau
AHMEDABAD

A 45-year-old Dalit woman, who was reportedly attacked by two persons, died on Monday in Gujarat's Bhavnagar district.

Geetaben Maru was allegedly assaulted with steel pipes. She died of her injuries on Monday, said Deputy Superintendent of Police R.R. Singhal.

According to Mr. Singhal, the accused duo had asked Ms. Maru to convince her son to withdraw the case registered against them under the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act and arrive at a compromise, but she declined their offer.

Tamil Nadu Police stop probe into case of helicopter crash that killed Gen. Bipin Rawat

S. Vijay Kumar
CHENNAI

The Tamil Nadu Police have dropped further action in the case of the Indian Air Force (IAF) helicopter crash that killed India's first Chief of Defence Staff, General Bipin Rawat, his wife, Madhulika Rawat, and 12 defence personnel near Coonoor on December 8, 2021.

Nearly two years after the tragic crash, the Upper Coonoor Police in the Nilgiris District, who registered a case under Section 174 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, kept the investigation pending for want of crucial evidence such as weather clearance report issued on December 8, 2021, and data from the helicopter's flight data and cockpit voice recorders.

According to an investigator, the Sulur Air Base authorities refused to share the details saying the information came under the defence secrets category, and directed the local police to approach the Directorate of Aerospace Safety.

Bad weather

The Upper Coonoor Police were investigating the circumstances that led to the crash of the IAF Mi-17 V5 which took off from the Sulur Air Force Station in Coimbatore to the Defence Services Staff College, Wellington. The helicopter crashed into a deep valley minutes before landing owing to suspected inclement weather. A tri-service Board of Inquiry constituted to investigate the crash had submitted its preliminary findings concluding the crash occurred because of an "unexpected change" in weather conditions that led to spatial disorientation of the pilot, resulting in a controlled flight into terrain. The IAF had issued a statement that the Court of Inquiry had ruled out any mechanical failure, sabotage or negligence as the cause of the accident.

Gruesome crash: The helicopter wreckage in Coonoor. FILE PHOTO

"We concur with the findings of the tri-service Board of Inquiry. The helicopter was seen passing through thick clouds at a low height obviously trying to find its way to the destination amid inclement weather conditions. Our probe has ruled out the possibility of any sabotage. But a conclusive report can be filed only after obtaining a copy of the weather clearance report and other data from the helicopter... we kept the probe pending awaiting a response from the defence authorities," a senior police officer told *The Hindu* on Monday.

The Tamil Nadu Police wound up the investigation in FIR 129/2021 filed by the Upper Coonoor Police as "Further Action Dropped," the officer, who did not want to be quoted, said.

Punjab and Haryana farmers continue sit-in over various demands

The Hindu Bureau
CHANDIGARH

Farmers from Punjab and Haryana continued their protest for the second day near Chandigarh under the banner of the Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) over their pending demands, including a legal guarantee for the minimum support price (MSP).

Farmers from different parts of the States gathered in Mohali, Punjab and Panchkula, Haryana following a nationwide protest call given by the SKM. Amid heavy security arrangements, farmers are on a sit-in protest and intend to march to Chandigarh to meet the Governors and submit a demand memorandum.

Farmer leader Harmeet Singh Kadian told pressmen that farmer leaders of all the 32 farmer outfits of the SKM and Bharatiya Kisan Union (Ugrahan) will meet the Punjab Governor on Tuesday. "All our leaders would be meeting the Punjab Governor and submitting the memorandum," Mr. Kadian said.

Voicing concerns: Farmers under the banner of Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) protesting in Mohali on Sunday. PTI

Darshan Pal, coordinator of SKM, said the talks about meeting the Governor of Haryana were in the process and a final decision would be taken on Tuesday morning.

Key demands

The key demands of farmers, apart from a legal guarantee for the MSP, include the withdrawal of police cases filed against them during the 2020-21 agitation against the now-repealed agricultural laws of the Union government, compensation and jobs for any one of the family members of farmers who died during the agitation, and loan waiver.

Farmers are also demanding the withdrawal of the Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2022 and action against Union Minister Ajay Mishra Teni in the Lakhimpur Kheri case.

7 Kashmiri students charged under UAPA for pro-Pak. slogans

The Hindu Bureau
SRINAGAR

The Jammu and Kashmir Police have filed a case under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) against seven Kashmiri students for allegedly raising pro-Pakistan slogans during the Cricket World Cup final held recently.

The police in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district filed a case under Section 13 (unlawful activity punishable with imprisonment) of the UAPA, and Sections 505 (inciting to commit any offence against any other class or community) and 506 (criminal intimidation) of the Indian Penal Code.

All the seven students study at the Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology-Kashmir (SKUAST-K), in Ganderbal's Shuhama.

The police action followed a written complaint filed by a student from Punjab studying at the SKUAST-K. "After the match ended, they [Kashmiri students] started abusing me and targeting me for being a supporter of our country and also threatened me to shut up otherwise I would be shooted [sic]," reads the complaint of the student from Punjab.

He alleged that the Kashmiri students shouted the slogan "*Jeeve Jeeve* Pakistan [Long Live Pakistan] which created fear among the students from outside the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir".

Meanwhile, the J&K Students Association urged Union Home Minister Amit Shah and J&K Lieutenant-Governor Manoj Sinha to drop UAPA charges.

"It is an unacceptably harsh punishment that could ruin their future. The UAPA charges will have serious consequences on the academic and future career of the students and should be immediately withdrawn," Nasir Khuehami, national convenor of the Association, said.

"It may have serious repercussions both in the long term and short term," he added.

SC rejects undertrial's plea to use its powers to club 30 FIRs arraigned across States

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court has refused an undertrial's plea to flex its extraordinary powers under Article 142 of the Constitution to deliver him "complete justice" by clubbing 30 FIRs arraigned against him across seven States.

A Bench headed by Justice B.V. Nagarathna said it could not club FIRs (First Information Reports) which not only involve offences under the Indian Penal Code but charges under specific State laws.

The apex court said States would have their own designated special courts to try these offences. Clubbing FIRs would undermine the jurisdiction of these special courts.

The recent order came in a case of cheating investors in States, including Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, Haryana, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Delhi, and Madhya Pradesh.

The petitioner, Amandeep Singh Saran, has 10 FIRs lodged in Chhattisgarh, four in Tamil Nadu, eight in Rajasthan, two each in Maharashtra and Delhi, and three FIRs filed in Madhya Pradesh and one in Haryana.

The Supreme Court said that clubbing FIRs would undermine the jurisdiction of special courts.

'Impermissible in law'

Though the Bench acknowledged that the apex court could consider clubbing FIRs if the cases registered in different police stations deal with the same offence, the Bench highlighted that the various States have also charged him under their own individual laws.

The court agreed with the prosecution that "any clubbing of the FIRs would mean that the jurisdiction of the special courts constituted in each of the States would be taken away and a special jurisdiction would be conferred on one of the courts where the FIRs are to be clubbed to try the offences which arise under the different State enactments... This is impermissible in law," the order noted.

'Club within State'

The Bench, however, gave Saran liberty to approach the High Courts of the respective seven States to seek clubbing of FIRs within that particular State.

"If the trial is commenced in any of the States and as the petitioner [Saran] is now lodged in one of the jails in Chhattisgarh, liberty is reserved to him to appear in the trial through video conferencing facility, if so permitted," the order said.

Bhujbal says Marathas should not be issued Kunbi certificates

Maharashtra Minister wants the dissolution of the Justice Shinde Committee that is looking into the reservation demand; he also stresses that existing reservations for OBCs should not be reduced when extending quota to the Marathas

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Chhagan Bhujbal, Maharashtra Minister and Other Backward Classes leader, on Monday sought a halt on the issuance of the Kunbi caste certificates to Marathas following their recent agitation for reservation and the dissolution of the Justice Sandeep Shinde (retired) committee formed over the issue.

While expressing no opposition to separate reservation for Marathas, Mr. Bhujbal, a senior leader in the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) faction led by Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar, raised concern about the practice of obtaining Kunbi certificates through the submission of fake documents. "I am not against a separate reservation for Marathas, but strongly oppose the ongoing practice of obtaining Kunbi certificates by submitting fake or forged documents," he said.

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> Maharashtra Minister

Kunbis, associated with agriculture, are categorised under the Other Backward Classes (OBC) in Maharashtra. The Eknath Shinde-led government had set up the five-member panel headed by Justice Shinde to decide the standard operating procedure for giving Kunbi certificates to members of the Maratha community who (or whose ancestors) were referred to as Kunbis in Nizam-era documents.

A recent Government Order instructed officials to issue fresh Kunbi certificates to eligible Maratha community members, facilitating their access to reservation benefits under the OBC category.

Mr. Bhujbal stressed that existing reservations for OBCs should not be reduced when extending reservations to Marathas, and highlighted that the committee found sufficient proof in the Marathwada region and only eligible people should get the certificates. "Its [Shinde Committee] work is done. Now, it should be discontinued," he said, adding that a comparative study should be carried out of all communities.

A Maratha outfit member, Dhananjay Jadhav, on Monday sneaked into a government guest house where Mr. Bhujbal was staying and raised slogans saying he should not oppose the quota agitation.

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Modi is the *yugpurush* of this century: Dhankhar

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar on Monday said that Mahatma Gandhi was a "*mahapurush*" of the last century and that Prime Minister Narendra Modi was the "*yugpurush*" of this century.

He was speaking at the birth anniversary celebrations of Jain mystic Shrimad Rajchandraji.

While Mr. Gandhi freed us from the slavery of British through non-violence, Mr. Modi has taken us to a path where we always wanted to be, he said.

Congress whip in Lok Sabha Manickam Tagore posted on X that with these comments, Mr. Dhankhar has crossed all limits of sycophancy.

INBRIEF

Mann and Kejriwal launch pilgrimage scheme in Punjab

The Aam Aadmi Party government in Punjab launched the *Mukhya Mantri Teerth Yatra* scheme on Monday. The scheme will help people visit holy places across the country. Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal launched the scheme in Dhuri. Mr. Mann said the State government started the scheme to help pilgrims visit holy places across the country. A team of doctors, volunteers and officials will be travelling with the pilgrims. Mr. Kejriwal said the scheme will help people who lack resources for travel. The Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) described the scheme as a "relaunch" of an Akali Dal project in 2016.

Need permanent solution for Gorkhaland issue: Tamang

A day after joining the Congress, Binoy Tamang, a senior leader in the Darjeeling Hills, on Monday said the time has come to find a permanent political solution for the Gurkhas about their longstanding demand for a separate State of Gorkhaland. Mr. Tamang, who was previously with the Trinamool Congress, said that it was the Congress which gave recognition to the Nepali language which he considered as the biggest achievement for the Gurkhas, whereas the BJP gave nothing but "fake promises". He was the former chairman of the semi-autonomous Gorkhaland Territorial Administration formed to administer the hill districts. PTI

NGT bans desilting work at Bisalpur dam in Rajasthan

The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has banned desilting and dredging activities in Rajasthan's Bisalpur dam, saying it had been started recently through a sand mining tender without obtaining prior environmental clearance. The NGT's Central Zone Bench has held that the award of the contract involved keeping a watch on the quantity of silt and there was a conscious decision for sharing benefit from extraction by requiring the contractor to pay a substantial amount to the tenderer, the Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project Corporation. In its 90-page judgment delivered last week, the NGT has restrained the corporation and the firm from proceeding with desilting unless the contractor obtained environmental clearance. The Bench also directed the Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board to take appropriate action against the defaulters if the tribunal's directions and the environmental laws were not complied with.

PIL petition filed in HC challenging Bihar's quota hike

The Hindu Bureau
PATNA

A public interest litigation (PIL) petition has been filed in the Patna High Court on Monday challenging the decision of the Bihar government to increase reservation in the State from 50% to 65%.

Following the caste-based survey report, the Bihar Assembly on November 9 unanimously passed a Bill to increase reservation for the Backward Classes, Extremely Backward Classes, Scheduled Castes, and Scheduled Tribes from the existing 50% to 65%.

Together with the 10% Economically Weaker Sections quota, the Bill has pushed reservation in Bihar to 75%, well past the 50% ceiling set by the Supreme Court.

The PIL petition said that as per the constitutional provisions, reservation was made to give proper representation to the socially and educationally backward classes and there was no provision to give reservation in proportion to the population.

The petition said the amended Act of 2023, passed by the State government, violated the Fundamental Rights enshrined in the Constitution. It further said the Act violated the equal right to appointment in government jobs and the Fundamental Right related to discrimination.

Janata Dal (U) national president Rajiv Ranjan Singh blamed the BJP for the plea. "It is a well-known fact that the BJP is anti-reservation. The reservation was increased following the caste-based survey on the basis of population. The State government will fight this battle too legally," he said.

V.K. Pandian, close aide of Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik, joins the BJD

The Hindu Bureau
BHUBANESWAR

V.K. Pandian, the Tamil Nadu-born former IAS officer and closest aide of Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, formally joined the Biju Janata Dal on Monday.

He was inducted into the party in the presence of Mr. Patnaik and senior Ministers and party leaders at Naveen Niwas, residence of the Chief Minister.

Mr. Pandian was allowed voluntary retirement from government service on October 23, three days after he submitted his application with the Department of Personnel. The next day, October 24, he was appointed Chairman of 5T through a State government notification.

"I welcome Mr. Pandian to the BJD. He has been working really hard for several years for the people of our State and he will continue to do so as a member of the party," Mr. Patnaik said. Mr. Pandian, whose joining of the BJD coincided with Kartika Purnima, said, "by the blessing of Lord Jagannath, guidance of Chief Minister and support of party leaders, I will serve the people of Odisha with dedication, humility and selflessness."

New beginning: V.K. Pandian (third from right) with Naveen Patnaik after joining the BJD on Monday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Senior party leaders said they were excited about Mr. Pandian working for the State's development by active involvement in direct politics.

"I have earlier said Mr. Pandian is a disciple of Odisha CM. He joined Chief Minister's Office on May 2011. But before that he has worked closely with Mr. Patnaik as Collector of Mayurbhanj and Ganjam. His devotion and dedication towards the Odisha CM are absolute," said BJD organisational secretary Pranab Prakash Das.

"Mr. Pandian played a key role in Mr. Patnaik's realisation of Odisha's CMs vision for the State. He took care that Mr. Patnaik's image remained unblemished. His formal joining of the party is another commitment towards CM. I hope he would work taking along the grassroots worker of the BJD," Mr. Das said.

The former 2000-batch IAS officer was a powerful bureaucrat who was known to have a final say in programme implementation pertaining to all departments in his capacity of 5T Secretary. All the major infrastructure projects, including renovation of Shree Jagannath Temple surroundings, transforming SCB Medical College Hospital into an AIIMS-plus institution and the Bhubaneswar Metro Project, are being implemented under his direct supervision.

While he had not officially joined the party before, it was widely known among both the BJD and the Opposition that he played a crucial role in strategising the electoral success of the CM.

Demand for caste survey in Bengal

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

Parties and groups have urged Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee to conduct a socio-economic caste survey in West Bengal.

Representatives of different parties and groups came together on Constitution Day (November 26), and brought up the issue of a caste census.

"We are demanding that if the Centre is not interested, then the Bengal government can have a socio-economic caste census on the lines of a similar exercise held in Bihar," social activist Prasenjit Bose said.

Tributes to the Guru

Lamps of love: The faithful commemorate the birth anniversary of Guru Nanak, the first Sikh Guru, at Gurdwara Bangla Sahib in New Delhi on Monday. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Unease in Trinamool over Abhishek Banerjee's absence at key party event

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

Fresh signs of unease in the Trinamool Congress have surfaced over the past few days on the issue of party general secretary Abhishek Banerjee's absence at a key event of the party on November 23.

Party chairperson and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had addressed the party rank and file at the Netaji Indoor Stadium here. But Mr. Banerjee, the Chief Minister's nephew and MP, was not present at the event.

He made a brief appearance virtually at the stadium to greet the gathering. The Chief Minister said he was missing because of medical issues.

The next day, party spokesperson Kunal Ghosh, who is believed to be close to Mr. Banerjee, said the general secretary's photograph should have been there at the programme.

"There is no tiff between the old and the new. It is not about Mamata Banerjee against Abhishek Banerjee; both are a team. The party needs both of them. However, I feel that any major programme of the Trinamool cannot be held without Abhishek Banerjee," Mr. Ghosh told a Bengali news channel.

On Monday, another party leader and MLA Madan Mitra spoke on similar lines, and said the event was organised in a hurry.

"I read the newspaper and found out about it [Trinamool event]. That is, everything was done in a hurry," he said. Mr. Mitra drew a cricket analogy and said if Sunil Gavaskar had continued to play for India, there would have not been a Sachin Tendulkar and if Sachin had continued to play there would not have been a Virat Kohli. Another MLA, Tapas Roy, also put his weight behind Mr. Banerjee and added that, "Abhishek's leadership is essential for the party."

While the issue of succession in Trinamool has been dealt with, differences remain about functioning and decision making. Insiders say that the decision by the Chief Minister to stand by scam-tainted Ministers, particularly Jyoti Priya Mallick, arrested in the alleged ration scam, did not go down well with her nephew.

Mr. Banerjee also did not take kindly to the miss of his declared deadline of November 1 to resume the agitation if the Centre did not release the MGNREGS funds due to the State.

Aid for MGNREGS workers

Press Trust Of India
KOLKATA

Trinamool Congress leader Abhishek Banerjee will extend financial aid to nearly 3,000 Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) job card holders in West Bengal deprived of their dues, party sources said on Monday.

He has started sending letters to the workers who participated in party's protest in New Delhi in October. BJP leader Dilip Ghosh dubbed the aid a "bribe" before the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

Fight against terrorism will continue in J&K: DGP

The Hindu Bureau
SRINAGAR

The war against terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir will end when the other side accepts defeat, said J&K Director-General of Police R.R. Swain on Monday.

Meanwhile, former J&K Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti asked Lieutenant-Governor Manoj Sinha to disclose the number of arrests on terror charges in Kashmir. Speaking in Srinagar, Mr. Swain said,"The war against terrorism in J&K is not over yet. A war ends only when one side accepts defeat and acknowledges that bloodshed is not going to yield any result. So, our fight against terrorism will continue despite bearing some losses at times."

Pledging not to back down from the fight against terrorism, he said the security forces would proceed despite knowing it entailed losses. "In the ongoing war, what we can do is to ensure minimum loss to the general public and our fighting forces will also do their best to minimise the same. But [even] if there is a challenge of sustaining loss in order to move ahead, we will not step back," he said.

Meanwhile, Peoples Democratic Party chief Mehbooba Mufti alleged that the "repressive measures by various government agencies had endangered the life, property and privacy of people in J&K".

'No information'

"Even women were not spared. Though countless people were arrested by agencies like the NIA, CBI, SIA, SIU etc., hardly any information was shared about their fate. Please tell us are they alive or dead, where are they lodged? Which court has remanded them to custody?" Ms. Mufti asked the L-G during a speech on Sunday.

Ms. Mufti said that in spite of so many arrests, there were hardly any convictions by the court. "They all had been picked up on trumped-up charges. This should lead the administration to review its policies," she said.

INBRIEF

Malaysia Airlines flyers stuck in Mumbai for over two days

Several passengers aboard a Malaysia Airlines flight from Doha to Kuala Lumpur were stranded for 48 to 72 hours after the aircraft was diverted to Mumbai following an engine failure last week. Malaysian Airlines flight MH0165 was diverted on Friday. Describing their ordeal on social media, one passenger said they had not been flown out on an onward flight until Saturday. The airline on Monday said there were delays due to immigration-related challenges, and that it was continuing to arrange for passengers' onward journey.

Bhojpuri actor joins Prashant Kishor's *Jan Suraaj* campaign

Bhojpuri film actor Akshara Singh on Monday joined Prashant Kishor's *Jan Suraaj* campaign and is likely to contest the upcoming Lok Sabha election."If it is in my destiny and I will get the love and support of people, I may contest the poll. But only time will tell about this. I have been watching Prashant Kishor's active campaign for the last 15 months and was impressed with it. He is an educated person and holds good thinking for youth and society. Moreover, I am joining a campaign, not a political party now," she said.

Lightning strikes kill 27 in Gujarat as rain batters State

Four persons died in Dahod, three in Bharuch and two in Tapi; in Saurashtra, rain has caused damage to standing crops after which Chief Minister and Agriculture Minister ordered a survey

Mahesh Langa
AHMEDABAD

Nature's fury: Lightning strikes over the Khodaldham temple near Rajkot in Gujarat. Elsewhere in the State, a total of 27 people reportedly died in lightning strikes. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Twenty-seven people were killed in lightning strikes as unseasonal rains and hailstorms have been battering Gujarat since Sunday.

Moreover, at least 25 people were injured and 79 animals also died in the havoc wreaked by the sudden thunderstorm in more than 220 talukas where standing crops were damaged.

State government sources said at least 27 people had died in lightning strikes in different areas across the State since Sunday morning.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah condoled the deaths due to bad weather and lightning in various cities of Gujarat on Sunday, and said the local administration was engaged in relief work. Mr. Shah, in a post on X (formerly Twitter) on Sunday night said, "I am deeply saddened by the news of the death of many people due to bad weather and lightning in various cities of Gujarat. I express my deepest condolences for the irreparable loss to those who lost their loved ones in this tragedy. The local administration is engaged in relief work, praying for the speedy recovery of the injured."

Four persons died in Dahod district, three in Bharuch, and two in Tapi, while the remaining were from other districts. The rain and hailstorms have caused extensive damage to standing crops in Saurashtra and south Gujarat. Besides, the rainfall also affected the ceramic industry of Morbi district as factories were forced to remain shut.

Meanwhile, Gujarat Agriculture Minister Raghavij Patel has announced plans for a comprehensive survey to assess the extent of the damage to the crops and livestock and to provide compensation to the affected persons.

Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel also directed the officials to start the survey to assess the damage caused by the rains.

Report urges Centre to address inequality, corruption in India

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Report says citizens are booked under draconian laws for exercising their fundamental rights

A report card on the performance of the Narendra Modi government, prepared by a group of academics and civil society organisations under the banner of "*Wada Na Todo Abhiyan*", expressed concern at the Centre's slow response in addressing inequality and attacks on democracy. Titled "Promises and reality 2019-2023: citizen review of 4+ years of NDA II Government", the report invited the attention of the government to these issues.

On the status of democracy, the report said hurried passage of Bills without debate, limited engagement of parliamentary committees, reduced sitting days, limited budgetary deliberations, restricted access to data for Members of Parliament and the growing presence of elected representatives with criminal records are matters of concern. It said the media is struggling to stay up, in light of increased capital investment from those with business-oriented interests, rising communalism, diminishing space to critique the establishment, and rising attacks on journalists and media organisations not toeing "the line". It said students, activists, academics, journalists, artists, actors, comedians, fact-checkers, publishers, and a range of other citizens have been charged under draconian laws for exercising their fundamental freedoms.

The report said despite robust GDP growth, India remains highly unequal, with the top 1% accounting for 22% of national income, and the top 10% together holding 57%. "Conversely, the bottom 50% share has gone down to 13%. The current growth paradigm is weak on inclusive democratic development, exacerbating inequality and excluding marginalised populations," it added.

India has charted a space road map for up to 2047, says Chandrayaan-3 project chief

The Hindu Bureau
MADURAI

P. Veeramuthuvel, project chief of Chandrayaan-3, being honoured at an event in Madurai. N. Murali, Director, The Hindu Group, and college correspondent Valli Ramaswami are seen. G. MOORTHY

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) chose to land Chandrayaan in the south pole of the moon because of the availability of more resources for fuel, Chandrayaan-3 Project Director P. Veeramuthuvel said here on Monday.

He was delivering the sixth Manikam Ramaswami memorial lecture at the Thiagarajar School of Management. During an interaction with students, Mr. Veeramuthuvel said India had a road map for its space programmes till 2047. The ISRO wanted to set up its space station by 2035. Water molecules could be used as a resource for fuel and the organisation could make the best use of the moon's escape velocity of 2.38 km per second to reach other planets, making the moon a gateway.

Stating that all planet explorations aimed at identifying new resources, he said Helium-3, if tapped, could help future generations in producing power. Luna 25, a failed Russian moon mission, was aiming to land close to the point targeted by the ISRO, and all future missions planned to land at the pole, he said.

Mr. Veeramuthuvel said the ISRO had a review process at every single stage, and during the Chandrayaan-3 mission, the team faced a lot of challenges. "Since it was a second attempt, failure was not an option. The only agenda we had was to have a soft landing, so everything was led towards that," he said.

Chandrayaan-3 had shown that one should not view failure as a setback, but as a lesson from which one could learn and come back stronger, he added.

Earlier, The Hindu Group of Publications Director N. Murali, also a member of the TSM Board of Governors, recalled the contributions of Manikam Ramaswami.

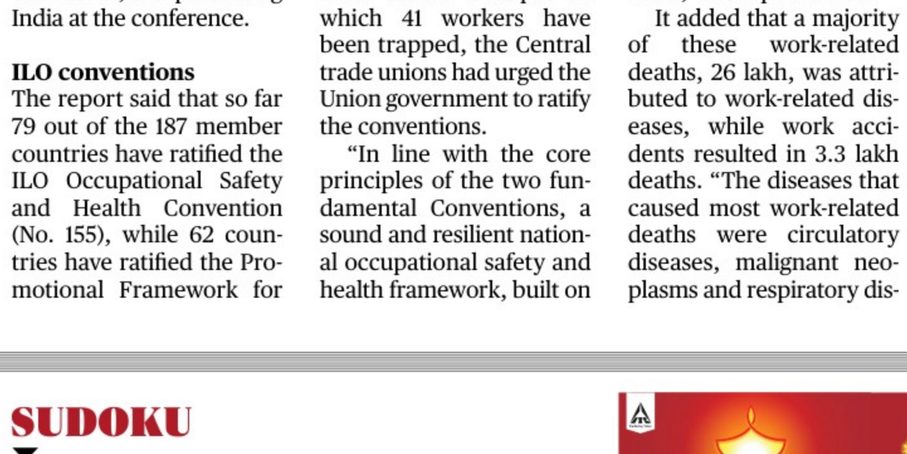
As deaths due to work-related factors go up, ILO report urges countries to strengthen safety net

A.M. Jigeesh
NEW DELHI

Nearly 30 lakh workers die every year globally owing to work-related accidents and diseases, says a new report prepared by the International Labour Organization (ILO). More than 63% of these deaths are reported from the Asia-Pacific region.

Exposure to long working hours (55 hours or more per week) was the biggest "killer", with almost 7.45 lakh people dying of it in 2016, followed by exposure to occupational particulate matter, gases, and fumes (4.5 lakh deaths) and occupational injuries (3.63 lakh deaths).

The report, "A Call for safer and healthier working environments", will be discussed at the 23rd World Congress on Safety and Health at Work, one of the largest international conferences on this subject, which began in Sydney on Monday. The report said mining and quarrying, construction, and utilities sectors were the three most hazardous sectors globally.


Work-related deaths
The chart shows the top 10 occupational risk factors and the number of attributable deaths. Exposure to long working hours (55 hours or more per week) had the largest number of attributable deaths, followed by exposure to particulate matter, gases, fumes and occupational injuries
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SOURCE: INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION

The Director-General of the Employees' State Insurance Corporation, Rajendra Kumar, is representing India at the conference.

ILO conventions

The report said that so far 79 out of the 187 member countries have ratified the ILO Occupational Safety and Health Convention (No. 155), while 62 countries have ratified the Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 2006 (No. 187). India has not ratified both the conventions.

In the wake of the Uttarkashi tunnel collapse in which 41 workers have been trapped, the Central trade unions had urged the Union government to ratify the conventions.

"In line with the core principles of the two fundamental Conventions, a sound and resilient national occupational safety and health framework, built on social dialogue and participation, is essential for the realisation of the fundamental right to a safe and healthy working environment," the report noted.

It added that a majority of these work-related deaths, 26 lakh, was attributed to work-related diseases, while work accidents resulted in 3.3 lakh deaths. "The diseases that caused most work-related deaths were circulatory diseases, malignant neoplasms and respiratory diseases," it added.

The report said that the rate of trachea, bronchus, and lung cancers attributable to occupational exposure to chromium doubled between 2000 and 2016. Mesothelioma, attributable to asbestos exposure, has risen by 40%. The rate of non-melanoma skin cancer increased by over 37% between 2000 and 2020.

"On the other hand, deaths due to exposure to asthmagens and particulate matter, gases, and fumes decreased by over 20%," it added.

The report also recommended five categories of "Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work" for ensuring safety and health at work. These are freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining, elimination of all forms of forced or compulsory labour, abolition of child labour, elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation, and a safe and healthy working environment.

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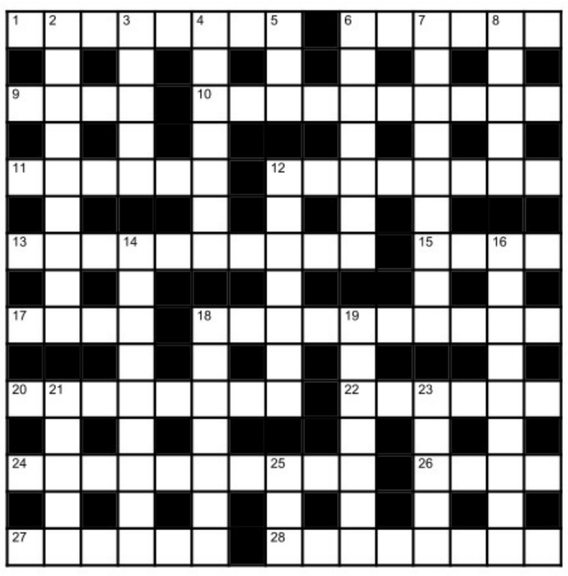

Across

1 Authoritarian king killed for money in bazaar (8)
6 Small readjustment wins egg race (6)
9 Animal eating extremely rowdy animal (4)
10 Conviction? Use a prison creatively (10)
11 He bats at No. 1 — backed and protected by pure nepotism (6)
12 Hurried over shower, getting injured (8)
13 Narration of my romance novel (including a touch of titillation) (10)
15 God of destruction firing a weapon (4)
17 Cut seen regularly in western New Delhi (4)
18 Drops into conversation: "I flamboyantly rent planes about to break" (10)
20 Farmer's meadow's yield? Half, unfortunately, having cut a bit of labour (8)
22 Sent husband away (had a bit of drink) (6)
24 Spooner's rock isle is impregnable (10)
26 Approve of hairy animal with round back (4)
27 From dawn to dusk, daughter disrupts calm (3-3)
28 Youngster's complaint mentioned afternoon meal item (8)

Down

2 Wind instrument played here (Poona) (9)
3 It's dangerous to consume, and to refuse, upon reflection (5)
4 Part of a kidney bean's tip quietly gobbled by wild heron (7)
5 Harmful result of smoking with naked celebrities (3)
6 Country gentleman, short on money — gutted and looking embarrassed (7)
7 Basics at sea: rough sea coordinates (9)
8 Bozo needlessly full of gas (5)
12 Snow vehicle conveying worker on a slope (7)
14 Tricky situation for me, having loudly and foolishly lied (9)
16 "Somewhat restrain them" — AI naysayers, generally (2,3,4)
18 In record time, only after running in a clumsy way (7)
19 Mechanical learning secures class prize (7)
21 A type of order that is really tough under any circumstances (2,3)
23 Box up hot dog (5)
25 Time after time dropping a catch (3)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Guru Nanak's guiding path

In the contemporary world torn by strife, uncertainty, wars, violence and fragmentation, many people seem broken and weary, with life's meaning and purpose seemingly lost. In this milieu, the call for unity, tolerance and equality, given by Guru Nanak, the first guru of the Sikhs, whose anniversary is on November 27, is significant, Professor Kumool Abbi said in a lecture.

Born in 1469 in Nankhana Sahib, after his divine revelation, Guru Nanak composed Japuji Sahib where he teaches about the one creator (Ek), the true name (satnaam), the doer (katapurakh), the fearless (nirbhau), and the one without enemies (nirvair). Guru Nanak's central teaching is that of naamsimran or reciting the Lord's name.

Guru Nanak's bani includes the Japuji Sahib, Asa di Vaar, Sidh Goshti, and almost 900 shabads, which are a part of the Sri Guru Granth Sahib. The central teaching of his sonorous bani reflects a delight and a joy in being able to yearn for the Lord, to love Him with one's heart and soul, and strive to have union with him, revitalising the soul. Guru Nanak gives the concept of hukam or surrendering to the Lord, to help man find solace and harmonise himself with the will of the Absolute. His bani mitigates suffering, desire, and vices, and reassures and proclaims that just as he has attained the Lord, so shall everyone.

MOSCOW

Half a million left without power in Russia, Ukraine after huge storm

AFP

More than half a million people were left without power in Crimea, Russia and Ukraine after a storm in the Black Sea area flooded roads, ripped up trees and took down power lines, Ukraine's energy ministry said. Meanwhile, the Moscow region experienced its heaviest snowfall in 40 years, the governor said. AP

VERMONT

Three Palestinian students shot in U.S., families suspect hate crime

REUTERS

Three Palestinian students attending U.S. colleges were shot in Vermont on Saturday. Their families called on U.S. officials to investigate the incident as a hate crime, as they awaited updates on their children's recovery. The students had been speaking Arabic and wearing the traditional Palestinian keffiyeh. REUTERS

WELLINGTON

Christopher Luxon sworn in as Prime Minister of New Zealand

AFP

Former airline boss Christopher Luxon formally took office as New Zealand's Prime Minister on Monday, vowing to tame inflation and bring down interest rates. Luxon took over six weeks after his conservative National Party won national elections, ending a six-year Labour Party reign ushered in by Jacinda Ardern. AFP

WASHINGTON

After two successive attendances, Biden set to miss COP-28 summit

AP

U.S. President Joe Biden will miss the latest UN climate summit in Dubai, after two years of attending the talks in hopes of highlighting U.S. leadership. Some 70,000 people including national leaders and Pope Francis are expected at COP-28 as it opens on Thursday, in what could be the largest United Nations climate summit ever. AFP

Thousands arrested in crackdown in Bangladesh

Agence France-Presse
DHAKA

Bangladesh has launched a sweeping and violent crackdown on opposition parties to "eliminate competition" ahead of general elections, including arresting almost 10,000 activists, Human Rights Watch said on Monday.

As well as the thousands arrested, many from the key Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), a staggering number also face charges.

According to the BNP, about half of its five million members "face politically motivated prosecution".

"The arrests, they are not leaving anyone behind, from senior level to the ground level," one activist told HRW.

Prisons are now at more than double their capacity, the rights group said.

The South Asian nation of around 170 million people holds a general election on January 7, with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina eyeing her fourth consecutive term in power.

The BNP and other parties have held mass protests calling on Ms. Hasina to quit power and let a neutral government run the polls, demands the government has said are unconstitutional.

Muffling dissent

"Bangladesh authorities are carrying out mass arrests of political opposition in a clear attempt to quash the opposition and eliminate competition ahead of the general elections", HRW said.

New York-based HRW, who called it a "violent autocratic crackdown", said at least 16 persons have been killed since protests escalated in October, including two police officers.

More than 5,500 people have been wounded.

On final day, Israel and Hamas agree to extend truce for two more days

Both sides agree to extend ceasefire by a day for two days for every 10 hostages released; Israel says it will resume its operations with 'full force' as soon as the current deal expires, in case Hamas does not agree to release more hostages

Associated Press
TEL AVIV

Israel and Hamas agreed to extend their cease-fire for two more days past Monday, the Qatari government said, bringing the prospect of a longer halt to their deadliest and most destructive war and further exchanges of militant-held hostages for Palestinians imprisoned by Israel.

The announcement, made by Qatari Foreign Ministry spokesman Majid Al Ansary in a post on X, came on the final day of the original four-day truce between the warring sides. A fourth swap of hostages for prisoners under that deal was expected later on Monday. Qatar, along with the United States and Egypt, has been the key mediator in the ongoing conflict between Israel and Hamas.

Building blocks: Palestinians setting up a structure amid the destruction caused by Israeli strikes near Khan Yunis on Monday. AFP

Israel has said it would extend the cease-fire by one day for every 10 additional hostages released. After the Qatari announcement, Hamas confirmed it had agreed to a two-day extension "under the same terms."

But Israel says it remains committed to crushing Hamas' military capabilities and ending its 16-year rule over Gaza after its October 7 attack into southern Israel. That would likely mean expanding a ground offensive from devastated northern Gaza to the south, where hundreds of thousands of Palestinians have crammed into United Nations shelters, and where dire conditions persist despite the increased delivery of aid under the truce.

Israel will resume its operations with "full force" as soon as the current deal expires if Hamas does not agree to further hostage releases, with the goal of eliminating the group and freeing the rest of the captives, government spokesperson Eylon Levy told reporters on Monday.

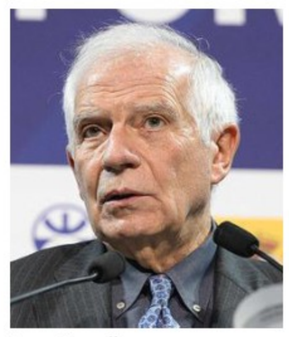
So far, 58 hostages have been released during the current truce, including 39 Israelis. Before the truce, four hostages were freed, another rescued and two were found dead inside Gaza.

After weeks of national trauma over the around 240 people abducted by Hamas, scenes of the women and children reuniting with families have rallied Israelis behind calls to return those who remain in captivity.

Hamas and other militants could still be holding up to 175 hostages, enough to potentially extend the cease-fire for two and a half weeks. But those include a number of soldiers, and the militants are likely to make much greater demands for their release.

Israel's plan for more settlements 'appalling', says EU's Josep Borrell

Sriram Lakshman
LONDON



Josep Borrell

The EU's top diplomat, Josep Borrell, has called the idea of Israel planning further illegal settlements in Occupied Palestinian Territories "appalling" and Israel's biggest security liability. He also called for an extension of the four-day ceasefire due to expire after Monday.

"I'm appalled to learn that in the middle of a war, the Israeli gov is poised to commit new funds to build more illegal settlements," Mr. Borrell wrote on Monday, on X, formerly Twitter.

"This is not self-defence and will not make Israel safer," Mr. Borrell said, adding that the settlements were a grave breach of international humanitarian law and Israel's greatest security liability.

Speaking at the Union for the Mediterranean conference in Barcelona on Monday, Mr. Borrell referred to a figure of $43 million that he said Israel planned to use for building new settlements.

"The violence spread by extremist settlers in the West Bank, many times under protection from the Israeli police and military, does not make Israel safer," he said.

The Foreign Minister said the "indiscriminate brutality" of Hamas's attack on Israel on October 7 could not be justified. However, he said the death toll in Gaza, which included more than 5,000 children, was "highly disproportionate".

Extension of ceasefire

He described the four-day Israel-Hamas ceasefire from November 24-27 as "an important first step".

"The pause should be extended to make it sustainable and long-lasting while working for a political solution," Mr. Borrell said. The EU is the largest foreign aid donor to the Palestinian Territories.

The Barcelona meeting was attend by various Foreign Ministers from the EU, West Asia and North Africa, including the Palestinian Authority's Foreign Minister Riyad al-Maliki. Israel was not represented at the meeting. Mr. Borrell said he regretted Israel's absence.

Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan addressed the meeting as a representative of a group of Ministers from the Arab League and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, Reuters reported.

Dutch far-right leader Wilders's ally resigns over fraud allegation

Associated Press
THE HAGUE

A party ally of far-right Dutch election winner Geert Wilders on Monday quit his role in the building of a new governing coalition over fraud allegations, throwing the process of creating a new government into turmoil before it had begun.

Gom van Strien, a senator for Mr. Wilders' Party for Freedom, was appointed last week as a "scout" to discuss possible coalitions. He was set to meet Mr. Wilders and other party leaders on Monday, but those meetings were canceled.

"It is annoying to start the exploration phase like this," Vera Bergkamp, president of the lower house of the Dutch Parliament, said in a statement. She added that "it is now important that a new scout is quickly appointed who can start work immediately."

Mr. Van Strien has denied wrongdoing after Dutch media reported that he was embroiled in a fraud case. But on Monday morning, he issued a statement saying that "both the unrest that has arisen about this and the preparation of a response to it" hampered his work seeking a coalition.

Russia intensely attacking Avdiivka, Robotyne: Ukraine

Agence France-Presse
KYIV

Moscow controls the territories to north, east and south of Avdiivka, which is just 10 km from the Moscow-held city of Donetsk

Russia was intensely attacking the eastern town of Avdiivka and the southern village of Robotyne, where fighting has centred in recent weeks, Ukraine said on Monday.

Neither side has made significant breakthroughs on the battlefield for weeks, as Moscow's invasion drags on for a 22nd month.

In recent weeks, Russia has focused its efforts on the industrial hub of Avdiivka in Donetsk, which now appears almost encircled by Moscow's forces.

"The enemy continues offensive actions near Avdiivka," the Ukrainian Army said.

It said Moscow's forces had launched "more than 150" attacks on Ukrainian positions.

A day earlier, Ukraine said it had "repelled" two dozen attacks around Avdiivka.

Kyiv did not report gains or losses in the area.

But the U.S.-based Institute for the Study of War said "Russian forces made confirmed advances northwest and southeast of Avdiivka" over the weekend. Moscow controls areas to the north, east and south of Avdiivka, which lies just 10 km from the Moscow-held city of Donetsk.

In the south, Kyiv said Russian forces had "conducted around 20 attempts to restore lost position near Robotyne of the Zaporizhzhia region, but gained no success."

Ukraine recaptured the tiny village of Robotyne in August, announcing a strategic victory in its counteroffensive. But Russia has attacked Robotyne since, with Ukraine appearing to struggle to hold on.

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HEADMASTER

Paul Lynch wins 2023 Booker Prize for *Prophet Song*

Agence France-Presse
LONDON

Irish author Paul Lynch won the 2023 Booker Prize for fiction on Sunday for his novel *Prophet Song*, a dystopian work about an Ireland that descends into tyranny.

The 46-year-old pipped five other shortlisted novelists to the prestigious award at a ceremony in London

He becomes the fifth Irish writer to win the high-profile literary prize, which has propelled to fame countless household names, including past winners Salman Rushdie, Margaret Atwood and Hilary Mantel.

"This was not an easy book to write," Lynch said after collecting his award, which comes with £50,000 (around $63,000) and a huge boost to his profile.

Paul Lynch book, set in dystopian future, follows a mother of four as she tries to save her family from totalitarianism. AP

"The rational part of me believed I was dooming my career by writing this novel. Though I had to write the book anyway. We do not have a choice in such matters," he added.

Lynch's book is set in Dublin in a near future version of Ireland. It follows the struggles of a mother of four as she tries to save her family from totalitarianism.

There are no paragraph breaks in the novel, which is Lynch's fifth.

Canadian novelist Esi Edugyan, who chaired the five-person judging panel, called the story "a triumph of emotional storytelling, bracing and brave".

Contemporary work

"With great vividness, *Prophet Song* captures the social and political anxieties of our current moment," she said.

"Readers will find it soul-shattering and true, and will not soon forget its warnings."

The Booker is open to works of fiction by writers of any nationality, written in English and published in the U.K. or Ireland between October 1, 2022, and September 30, 2023.

None of this year's six finalists – which included two Americans, a Canadian, a Kenyan and another Irish author – had been shortlisted before and only one had previously been longlisted.

The shortlisted novels, announced in September, were chosen from a 13-strong longlist that had been whittled down from an initial 158 works.

Among them was Irish author Paul Murray's *The Bee Sting*, a tragicomic saga which looks at the role of fate in the travails of one family. Murray was previously longlisted in 2010.

Kenyan connect

Kenyan writer Chetna Maroo's moving debut novel *Western Lane* about grief and sisterhood follows the story of a teenage girl for whom squash is life.

The judges also selected *If I Survive You* by U.S. writer Jonathan Escoffery, which follows a Jamaican family and their chaotic new life in Miami.

He was joined by fellow American author, Paul Harding, whose *This Other Eden* – inspired by historical events – tells the story of Apple Island, an enclave off the U.S. coast where society's misfits flock and build a new home.

Canada was represented on the shortlist in the shape of *Study for Obedience* by Sarah Bernstein. The unsettling novel explores the themes of prejudice and guilt through a suspicious narrator.

The Booker was first awarded in 1969. Last year's winner was Sri Lankan writer Shehan Karunatilaka for *The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida*.

The previous Irish winners are Iris Murdoch, John Banville, Roddy Doyle and Anne Enright.

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INBRIEF

Maruti Suzuki, Tata Motors, Audi to increase prices in Jan.

Maruti Suzuki India on Monday said it plans to increase prices of its vehicles in January 2024, citing cost pressure driven by overall inflation and increased commodity rates. German luxury car maker Audi said it will increase prices across its model range in India by up to 2% from January next year, citing rising input and operational costs. Tata Motors, too, said on Monday it was considering increasing prices of its passenger and electric vehicles in January.

Western firms turn to India for API after China tensions

Increasing tensions with China have prompted more Western governments to recommend companies "de-risk" supply chains from exposure to the country. This is leading some biotech firms to consider India to produce active pharmaceutical ingredient (API) for clinical trials, or other outsourced work. Syngene, Aragen Life Sciences, Piramal Pharma Solutions, and Sai Life Sciences said they have seen increased interest from Western pharma companies this year. REUTERS

True North announces foray into private credit

Private equity firm True North has announced its foray into private credit with the introduction of 'True North Private Credit'. The platform was set up in 2022 with a target to raise ₹1,000 crore in its Fund- I. True North had raised more than ₹1,000 crore already and the final closing will be on December 31. "True North has built its business on a strong foundation of trust of its stakeholders and core value," said Kapil Singhal, Managing Partner, Private Credit, True North.

One year on, insider norms for MFs hang fire

Industry cites 'practical challenges' and the lack of precedents on instances of what could be considered unpublished price sensitive information; new norms may be made effective from January or April next year, with another three to six months for implementation

Ashley Coutinho
MUMBAI

A year after the market regulator brought mutual funds under the ambit of insider trading regulations, the norms are yet to get enforced.

There are operational hurdles in setting up common industry standards, even as the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) has held several rounds of talks with SEBI on the issue, said two people in the know. There could be issues at the exchange's end as well. SEBI issued a consultation paper on applicability of its Prohibition of Insider Trading Regulations 2015 to MFs in July last year.

In November, a notification brought within its fold all types of MFs, whether listed or unlisted, with exemptions for exchange-traded funds and systematic investment plans.

"The rules have not been enforced. The industry has held talks with the regulator on the practical challenges," said a senior MF official.

"Rules have been laid down in a hurry without thinking through operational hurdles. For instance, each MF scheme could hold multiple ISINs (International Securities Identification Number), which could pose a challenge," added another official. Under the new norms, asset management companies (AMCs) and fiduciaries doing business with them need to maintain a structured digital database, which is a master-roster that tracks each instance of UPSI (unpublished price sensitive information) shared within and outside the AMC.

Hasty move: Rules have been laid down in a hurry without thinking through operational hurdles, says an official. REUTERS

Digital database

"This is uncharted territory for AMCs as new processes would be required to capture the data and include outside persons who may be aware of such information such as auditors and valuers. With pre-clearance of transactions in MF units required for employees, new issues could crop up as there are no precedents for what constitutes UPSI, which may affect the net asset value of MF schemes," said Anil Choudhary, Partner, Finsec Law Advisors.

The norms may be made effective from January or April, with another three-six months for implementation. An email sent to SEBI and the exchanges did not get a response till press time. A text message to an AMFI official remained unanswered.

Some experts maintain that separate regulations for MFs are an overkill.

(The writer is with The Hindu businessline)

GST regime is moving from uncertainty to certainty: FM

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The FM sought to assuage concerns about 'tax certainty' amid a spate of tax demand notices

The Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime is moving from uncertainty toward certainty on some issues, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Monday, seeking to assuage global firms' concerns about 'tax certainty' amid a spate of tax demand notices and investigations pursued by revenue authorities.

"The Constitutional body of the GST Council has actually brought about a great deal of comfort in having a 'One Nation, One Tax' principle effectively brought to the ground. Of course it has had teething problems," she said.

"Some issues from prior to 2017, when GST came into place, are still lingering. Some are with the courts, some are not, and they are getting ironed out," the FM said, adding, "And in the process, because tax authorities are conscious that they do not want to miss out on the due allotted time, notices do go out."

She further said, "And if there are replies given, they are taken on board. So we are still at a stage where we are on some grounds, moving from uncertainty to certainty, but the uncertainty appears before you because you'll see the GST already on the ground but some aspects are getting sorted out now."

Her comments came in response to a query from Deloitte India chairperson Shefali Goradia. "What assurance can we give to the international community about the tax certainty and how we propose to implement that in India?," Ms. Goradia had asked.

EVs to account for 11-13% of new bus sales by FY25: ICRA

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Electric buses are expected to be at the forefront of India's electrification drive, with the segment likely to witness healthy traction going forward, ICRA said. E-buses will account for 11-13% of new bus sales by FY25, the credit rating agency said.

"The traction in the e-bus segment is already visible over the past couple of years, with e-bus volumes as well as penetration levels improving consistently, to 7% in FY23. Steady progress has been made over this period towards meeting the e-bus deployment targets under the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Hybrid and Electric Vehicles (FAME) scheme, and this is likely to gain pace over the coming months, till the scheme expires in March 2024, ICRA said in a note.

Additionally, many state electric vehicle (EV) policies have announced specific targets and timelines for e-bus adoption, thereby creating a road map for electrification, it added. "Bus cost is the single largest element in the e-bus project, accounting for 75-80% of the project cost," said Kinjal Shah, Vice President & Co-Group Head, Corporate Ratings, ICRA.

"The capital subsidy of ₹35-55 lakh per bus under the FAME II scheme can fund a large part of the project costs, up to as much as 40%, which augurs well for the viability of these projects," Ms. Shah said.

Global investors need not be jittery about poll outcome, says FM

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Nirmala Sitharaman

Global investors need not be jittery about the outcomes of the upcoming Lok Sabha elections and the government will continue the reforms process to make India a more transparent and open economy, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Monday, identifying high interest rates and inflation in advanced economies as well as the Rupee's exchange rate as key 'monitorables'.

"I would think they [investors] need not be jittery at all. To be unclear and keeping one's fingers crossed is normal and I can understand that," she said at the India Global Forum.

"But I and several people observing the political economy, observing ground realities and the political environment and the situation as it prevails today, is that PM Narendra Modi is coming back, and coming back with a good majority," she added.

S&P lifts India's FY24 growth forecast to 6.4%

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

S&P Global Ratings on Monday raised India's growth forecast for the current financial year to 6.4% from 6%, saying that robust domestic momentum has offset headwinds from high food inflation and weak exports.

However, it cut the growth estimates for the next fiscal (2024-25) to 6.4% from 6.9%, as it expects growth to slow on a higher base, subdued global growth and lagged impact of interest rate hikes.

"We have revised up our projection for India's GDP growth for fiscal 2024 (ending March 2024) to 6.4% from 6%, as robust domestic momentum seems to have offset headwinds from high food inflation and weak exports," S&P said. The estimates of S&P is a shade higher than other international agencies. The IMF, World Bank, ADB, and Fitch expects India's GDP to expand 6.3% in the current fiscal.

GDP growth

The RBI has projected GDP growth at 6.5% for the current, as well as next financial year. The Indian economy grew 7.2% in the 2022-23 fiscal year ended March 2023.

In its Economic Outlook for Asia Pacific, S&P said growth this year and the next is on track to be the strongest in emerging market economies with solid domestic demand – India, Indonesia, Malaysia, and the Philippines.

Foxconn to invest another $1.6 billion in India as U.S.-China tensions rise

Ayushi Kar
MUMBAI

Contract iPhone maker Hon Hai Precision Industry Co., also known as Foxconn, plans to expand its India footprint, with another $1.6 billion investment as part of its strategy to diversify outside China.

The announcement was made in an exchange filing in Taiwan. It did not give any further details, saying only that the investment was for "operational needs". The investment was made through a Foxconn subsidiary, Hon Hai Technology India Mega Development, which is registered in Maharashtra since 2015.

Top iphone maker

Foxconn is the largest global contract manufacturer for Apple and gets half of its revenues from making products for the American tech giant. Even in India, Foxconn's production of Apple products, outpaces that by its competitors Tata and Pegatron.

So far, the Taiwanese electronics major has poured almost $8 billion in India. It plans to bump up its investments in the country, as tensions between the U.S. and China continue to rise.

Foxconn employs more than 40,000 workers in India. It operates at nine campuses with their total area topping 500 football fields. Its 30 factories in India generate annual revenues of $10 billion, which is 4.6% of the company's $216 billion 2022 revenue – up from 2% registered in 2021. It is building one more factory in India, an electronic components manufacturing facility in Tamil Nadu's Kancheepuram district.

It is also mulling an investment of ₹8,800 crore in Karnataka to set up an iPhone component unit, which will create 14,000 new jobs. Part of the $1.6 billion investment could be for this purpose as well. Earlier this year, Foxconn officials were taken to Tumakuru in Karnataka, to examine the available land at the Japan Industrial Township. The facility could manufacture screens and outer coverings for phones.

Foxconn has also said it will set up semiconductor production lines in the country without an Indian partner, and is in discussions with the government to get its plan approved.

(The writer is with The Hindu businessline)

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF 74th ADDL CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-75)
O.S. NO. 26865/2022
Hg. 11/12/2023

BETWEEN :
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Land mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400 051 and its branch office at Mythree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068
Represented by its Collection Manager and POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa
...PLAINTIFF
AND
Mr. Mustaq Hussain
...DEFENDANT

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
To,
Mr. Mustaq Hussain
S/o Mr. Fakruddin
Aged about 35 years,
209/L48, 5th Main, Umar Sab Road, Minhaj Nagar,
Bangalore South, Bangalore-560078

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs. 3,53,203/- (Rupees Three Lakh Fifty Three Thousand Two Hundred Three Only)** together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 74th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH - 75) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 21-12-2023 at 11.00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this **20.11.2023**

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court
Mayohall Unit Bengaluru

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
SA Associates,
No. 10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560047

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE XXXV ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE (CCH-36) AT BANGALORE
ORIGINAL SUIT NO. 4614 OF 2022

BETWEEN :
ICICI Bank Ltd.
A body corporate incorporated And registered under the Indian Companies Act, 1956 and licensed As a Bank under the Banking Regulation Ac,t 1949 having Registered Office at : "Landmark", Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390007
And having its Regional office at ICICI Bank Ltd., # 4/10, 1st Floor, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Road, Bangalore-560 068, And represented by its POA holder and Manager Mr. Rohith Ali M. S/o. Ishrath Ali M., Age: 24 years.
...PLAINTIFF
AND :
Ms. JAVERIYA MUBEEN
...DEFENDANT

Summons to the defendant by way of paper publication
To,
Defendant :
Ms. JAVERIYA MUBEEN
Aged about 29 years,
Daughter of Babajan, Residing at No. 13, Room No. 302, Chaithanya Muthurayaswamy Layout, Opp : Hulimavu Lake, Bangalore- 560 078.

Whereas the Plaintiff above named has filed a suit under Order VII Rule 1 of the Civil Procedure Code for recovery of Rs. **Rs. 7,21,913/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Twenty One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirteen Only)** together with interest at the rate 18% p.a. from date of due to till the date of realization. You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court (CCH- 36), in person or by a pleader on the **14.12.2023** at **11.00 am** to show cause against the suit, and failing wherein the suit will be heard and determined as exparte.
Given under my hand and seal of the Court this **16th** day of **November, 2023.**

By the order of Court,
Assistant Registrar,
City Civil Court,
Bangalore

Advocates for Plaintiff
S.M. ANEES AHAMED,
B.M. KUSHALAPRA,
Advocates,
No. 4 (10/2), West Park Road, Kumara Park East,
Bangalore- 560001

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 74 th ADDL, CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-75)
O.S. NO. 25446/2023

Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Land mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051 and its branch office at Mythree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068,
Represented by its Relationship Manager and POA Holder Ms. Mansi Singh
...Plaintiff
And
Sri B. Rahul Kumar
...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
To,
Sri B. Rahul Kumar S/o. Sri Bodappa Koteshwar Rao,
Aged about 35 years, 106, M K V Homes, 3rd Floor, Koramangala, Srinivagilo, Ejipura, Bangalore - 560 047

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs. 4,15,071/- (Rupees Four Lakh Fifteen Thousand and Seventy One Only)** together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 74th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-75) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 21-12-2023 at 11.00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this **20-11-2023**
BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court
MayoHall Unit,
Bangalore
ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
SA Associates, No. 10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore - 560 047

PERSONAL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

I, Sub(Ex) R Mohamad Usman, JC No. 330142L, 535/A, 5th Main, 9th Cross, HBR Layout, Kalyan Nagar(PO), Bangalore-560043, Hereby declare that My mother's correct Name is Ammena Bee and not Ameena Bi and her actual date of birth is 15-09-1940 and not 05-08-1930. Vide affidavit Dtd 21-11-2023, before Advocate & Notary S. Thangainathan.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ADITYA S/O Dipanjan Chaudhuri, R/O A1106, Bairavi Cruz Luxor, Chelekere Mn Rd, Opp St Rock's Church, Kalyan Nagar, Blr– 43. Have Changed My Name As Aditya Chaudhuri Vide Afdvt Dtd 25/11/23

I, RANI.R, W/o S. Nadeem Basha, R/at No.36, 2nd Cross, Dead End Muneshwara Nagar, Garvebhavipalya, Bangalore-560068, have changed my name from Rani.R to S.Neha vide affidavit dated 27/11/2023 before Notary Harisha.G, Bangalore.

LEGAL NOTICE

BEFORE THE ARBITRATION TRIBUNAL OF SHRI S R SOMASEKHARA, DISTRICT JUDGE (RETD), ARBITRATION AND CONCILIATION CENTRE, III FLOOR, EAST WING, 'KHANIJA BHAVAN', RACE COURSE ROAD, BENGALURU - 560 001.
AC No. 370/2022
(CMP No.189/2018)
Between: Mr.Sahanesh Narayan ...Claimant
And: M/s Polycad Structures Inc. ... Respondent
NOTICE TO RESPONDENT
M/s Polycad Structures Inc. No.2, KDP Temple Road, VI Block, BEL Layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore – 560 097. represented by its Proprietor **Mr.S.D.Phaneendra.**
also at No.63, 2nd Floor, Matangi Enclave, 1st Block, BEL Layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru – 560 097
also at C/o S D Phaneendra son of S.D.Shastry, residing at No.42, Industrial Estate Yeshwanthapur 2nd Stage, Opposite Modern Bread Factory Bengaluru - 560058.
WHEREAS the Claimant herein has filed a Claim Petition for recovery of a sum of Rs.1,59,08,705/- (Rupees One Crore Fifty Nine Lakh Eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Five Only) etc., against yourselves before the Arbitration & Centre. Hence, you are hereby required to appear before the Arbitration & Conciliation Centre, Khanija Bhavan, Race Course Road, Bengaluru in person or through an advocate by 3 p.m on **15.12.2023,** failing which, the matter will be heard in your absence, placing you ex-parte.
Given under my name and the seal of this Arbitration Centre on 27-11-2023
By Order of the Hon'ble Arbitral Tribunal, Section Officer, Arbitration & Conciliation Centre - Bengaluru, (High Court of Karnataka), Bengaluru-560 001.
Advocate for Claimant: **B.M.Arun** No.F-5, 1st Floor, KCD Complex, CSI Compound, 3rd Cross, Mission Road, Bengaluru - 560 027.

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LEARNING THE ROPES

I'm trying to play all my shots, be fearless: Jaiswal

B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

Yashasvi Jaiswal is learning the ropes fast and has been trying to be fearless. The 21-year-old left-hander struck nine fours and two sixes during his knock to give India a rollicking start against Australia in the second T20I. "It was really special for me. I was trying to play all my shots, be fearless, take bowlers on," Jaiswal said.

MOVING ON

Will be different without him, but it's his choice: Saha on Hardik

FILE PHOTO: VIJAY SONEJI

Under Hardik Pandya, Gujarat Titans won the IPL in 2022 and reached the final in 2023. "He gave us the freedom to play our natural game," Wriddhiman Saha told *The Hindu*. "It will now feel different [not to have him]. It is not desirable for the combination to change after such success. But it is [his] individual choice."

'CAN'T WAIT'

Excited to join Flower in the team: Green after being traded to RCB

EMMANUAL YOGINI

Australian all-rounder Cameron Green expressed his excitement to play for Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) in the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2024. "Hey RCB fans, it is Cam Green here, I am excited to join Andy Flower (the team's head coach). I can't wait to see you guys at the Chinnaswammy Stadium, cheers," said Green in a video by RCB.

AT THE HELM

Narwal to lead UP Yoddhas in season 10 PKL campaign

FILE PHOTO

UP Yoddhas officially announced the appointment of super-raider Pardeep Narwal as captain for the upcoming tenth season of the Pro Kabaddi League (PKL). Pardeep, in the past, has also captained the Patna Pirates and helped them win three back-to-back PKL titles.

Upbeat India will be keen to seal the series straightaway

Having lost a thriller in the first match and got outplayed in the next one, the Australians will be determined to come up with an improved performance in the third game to stay in contention

AUSTRALIA IN INDIA

P.K. Ajith Kumar
GUWAHATI

In good space: Suryakumar shows thumbs up to his fans on his arrival at Guwahati. RITU RAJ KONWAR

As Jason Behrendorff got off the plane at the Guwahati Airport on a cool Monday evening, he might well have been warmed by the memories from six years ago.

In the first ever international game at the ACA Stadium here, the left-arm seamer was the 'Player-of-the-Match', in the second T20I of that India-Australia series. He had taken four for 21, in only his second international game; among his victims were Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli.

Cut to the present, Behrendorff has had to sit out during the second T20I at Thiruvananthapuram on Sunday, as the visitors chose to play two spinners. They didn't gain much from the change of strategy against an intimidating young Indian top-order.

Given the fact that Behrendorff was the bowler who earned most respect from the merciless Indian batters in the opening T20I – he gave away 6.25 runs per over while everyone else averaged at least 11 – he could get an opportunity in the third T20I on Tuesday. He isn't the only member of the current Australian squad that figured in the comfortable eight-wicket win back in 2017.

Glenn Maxwell, Travis Head, Adam Zampa and Marcus Stoinis were also there. If you wonder how many of this Indian side played in that match, the answer is zero.

That doesn't tell merely that India has moved on from the M.S. Dhoni era, but it shows the amazing depth of its cricket. That this inexperienced Indian side is leading the five-match series 2-0 underlines the fact.

The Indians should be hoping to make it 3-0 and thus clinch the series with two games remaining. But as the World Cup final reminded us only a few days ago, cricket's greatest charm is its uncertainty. And Australia, though it is without some of its big stars including skipper Pat Cummins, boasts some of the proudest men in sport.

But they need to come up with a much better show. After the Indian chase gave them a glimmer of hope in the first game with a wobble near the finishing line, they were outplayed in the last match, in which India plundered 235 for four.

India's top three – Yashasvi Jaiswal, Ruturaj Gaikwad and Ishan Kishan – made fifties at brisk rate, and the finisher Rinku Singh scored faster. Captain Suryakumar Yadav is in form too. Not many would envy Australia's bowlers who have to find a way to reduce the boundary balls somehow.

The visiting side may not be as worried about its batting: Josh Inglis scored a splendid hundred in the first match, while Stoinis, Tim David and Matthew Wade scored rapidly in the second.

The Aussie batters have to counter a balanced Indian attack that showed much improvement at Thiruvananthapuram, exemplified by Prasidh Krishna's effort.

The teams (from):

India: Suryakumar Yadav (Capt.), Ruturaj Gaikwad, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Ishan Kishan, Tilak Varma, Rinku Singh, Jitesh Sharma, Washington Sundar, Axar Patel, Shivam Dubey, Ravi Bishnoi, Arshdeep Singh, Prasidh Krishna, Mukesh Kumar and Avesh Khan.

Australia: Matthew Wade (Capt.), Steve Smith, Matt Short, Josh Inglis, Glenn Maxwell, Marcus Stoinis, Tim David, Travis Head, Aaron Hardie, Jason Behrendorff, Adam Zampa, Sean Abbott, Nathan Ellis, Tanveer Sangha and Kane Richardson.

Umpires: Rohan Pandit, Virender Sharma; **TV Umpire:** K.N. Ananthapadmanabhan; **Fourth Umpire:** J.R. Madanagopal; **Match Referee:** Javagal Srinath.

Match starts at 7 p.m.

Hardik completes move to MI, Green goes to RCB

Amol Karhadkar
MUMBAI

A day after he was retained by Gujarat Titans, Hardik Pandya's impending move to Mumbai Indians was formalised on Monday. While the all-rounder returned to his Indian Premier League (IPL) alma mater, the five-times champion side let go of Cameron Green to Royal Challengers Bangalore in a bid to create a substantial purse ahead of the next month's player auction.

An IPL statement on Monday afternoon confirmed both the transfers. Minutes later, Mumbai Indians and Gujarat Titans commented on the trades.

Akash Ambani, the Mumbai Indians team owner, termed the move as "happy homecoming".

"It is a happy homecoming. He provides great balance to any team he plays. Hardik's first stint with the MI family was hugely successful, and we hope he achieves even more success in his second stint," he said.

Hardik's transfer resulted in Mumbai Indians' kitty reducing by ₹15 crore, his official contract fees. However, it is understood that an undisclosed amount higher than the contract fees has been agreed between the parties.

With the IPL rules allowing additional payment, the additional amount will be divided equally between Hardik and Gujarat Titans.

Green, who justified his price tag of being Mumbai Indians' most expensive buy at ₹17.50 crore in the last auction, had to be let go as a result with RCB strengthening its batting firepower.

Hardik Pandya. X@MIPLATAN

Green's move resulted in Mumbai Indians' auction purse increasing to ₹17.75 crore while RCB has ₹23.25 crore at the moment for the December 19 auction. The trading window will remain open till Dec. 12.

Gill to lead GT

With the Titans' captain heading back to his IPL roots, the Gujarat Titans announced Shubman Gill as its new captain.

The prolific opening batter is excited with the additional responsibility.

"I am delighted and proud to assume the captaincy of Gujarat Titans and thank the franchise for their trust in me to lead such a fine team. We have had two exceptional seasons and I keenly look forward to leading the team with our exciting brand of cricket," Gill said through a Titans statement.

FC Goa gets the better of Jamshedpur

Agencies
MARGOA

FC Goa edged past Jamshedpur FC 1-0 at the Fatorda Stadium here today to bag its fifth victory of the Indian Super League (ISL) 2023-24 season.

Spanish midfielder Victor Rodriguez is scripting a similar story with FC Goa this season. The 34-year-old came into the starting XI as a late replacement for Noah Sadaoui in its fixture against East Bengal FC on October 21. He scored and assisted once each in a 2-1 win, but he made way for Sadaoui once the talisman was fit later on.

Even in this game, Rodriguez did not find his name in the first XI, but he made the decisive contribution after coming off the bench in the 61st minute for striker Carlos Martinez.

He occupied the advanced positions left vacant by Martinez, and converted an opportunity that came his way in the 84th minute.

What followed was an exciting passage of play, with Jamshedpur FC nearly finding the equaliser through winger Seiminlen Doungel. The goal was later overturned, but that did not stop Doungel from continuing to find the first goal of the night for his side.

He made a headed effort straight afterwards, but a disciplined FC Goa defensive unit ensured that Jamshedpur FC was kept at bay until the end.

The result: FC Goa 1 (Victor Rodriguez 82) bt Jamshedpur FC 0.

Sinner helps end Italy's 47-year wait for glory

DAVIS CUP

Agence France-Presse
MALAGA

Extra special: Italy won the Davis Cup trophy for the first time since 1976. AFP

Italy won the Davis Cup for the first time since 1976 as Jannik Sinner crushed Alex de Minaur 6-3, 6-0 to seal a 2-0 win over Australia on Sunday in Malaga.

The World No. 4 clinched victory in the second singles rubber after Matteo Arnaldi dug deep to beat Alexei Popyrin 7-5, 2-6, 6-4 in the opening clash.

Sinner, who remarkably beat top-ranked superstar Novak Djokovic twice in one day on Saturday as Italy eliminated Serbia, secured his country's second title against Lleyton Hewitt's 28-time winners in style.

The Italian demoralised the scampering de Minaur with a relentless performance, overpowering him with vicious ground-strokes.

Sinner had won each of the five prior meetings between the pair and the World No. 12 came no closer this time, brutally dismantled in 81 minutes.

Australia's wait for a Davis Cup trophy goes on, with its last coming in 2003, but Italy, which last reached a final in 1998, celebrated wildly when de Minaur went wide to end the tie.

On Saturday, Italy was on the verge of elimination, but Sinner saved three match points against Djokovic to force a deciding doubles clash.

"Yesterday we were one point away from being out and now we can celebrate winning, I think we can all be very, very happy," said Sinner, after ending Italy's 47-year wait, the third-longest gap between titles in Davis Cup history.

The result: Final: Italy 2 bt Australia 0 [Matteo Arnaldi bt Alexei Popyrin 7-5, 2-6, 6-4; Jannik Sinner bt Alex de Minaur 6-3, 6-0].

Odisha outplays Bagan with fine attacking football

AFC CUP

Amitabha Das Sharma
KOLKATA

Much-needed win: Odisha brightened its chances of making it to the knockout stage. DEBASISH BHADURI

Odisha FC rode a fine essay of attacking football to turn the tables on home favourite Mohun Bagan Super Giant by a 5-2 scoreline in the Group D match of the AFC Cup at the Salt Lake Stadium here on Monday.

Mohun Bagan found the lead early through Hugo Boumous but conceded the initiative to Odisha, which fired three in a span of 11 minutes towards the end of the opening half. MBSG pulled one back midway in the second half just to see Odisha finding two more towards the end to complete its dominance.

The visitor, which had lost 0-4 at home against the same opponent in the first round, thus exacted a sweet revenge while brightening its chances of making it to the knock-out stage. Odisha has nine points from five matches and rose to the second spot to remain a point behind the group leader Bashundhara Kings of Bangladesh.

Missing four of its regulars owing to injury, Bagan went into a defensive shell after gaining the lead thereby allowing the space to Odisha to regroup. The Juggernauts found the equaliser in the 30th minute off Roy Krishna.

The Fijian next assisted Diego Mauricio, who made it 2-1 in the 32nd. Japanese midfielder Cy Goddard doubled the lead in the 41st.

The host pulled one back through substitute Kiyan Nassiri in the 63rd minute but lost the plot yet again in the injury-time. Odisha scored another two off substitutes Aniket Jadhav (90+3) and Isaka Ralte (90+5) to round off the memorable win.

The result: Mohun Bagan 2 (Boumous 17, Nassiri 63) lost to Odisha FC 5 (Krishna 30, Mauricio 32, Goddard 41, Jadhav 90+3, Ralte 90+5).

Inter holds Juve to stay top of the table

EURO LEAGUES

Agence France-Presse
MILAN

Lautaro Martinez ensured that Inter Milan kept hold of its two-point lead at the top of Serie A as he struck in Sunday's scrappy 1-1 draw at closest rival Juventus.

Argentina forward Martinez swept home Marcus Thuram's low cross in the 33rd minute following fine play down the right flank from his strike partner, to keep second-placed Juve at arm's length in the title race.

His 15th goal in all competitions brought Inter level six minutes after Dusan Vlahovic broke a two-month scoring duck with a similar first-time finish at the Allianz Stadium in Turin.

In another match, Paulo Dybala starred in Roma's 3-1 win over struggling Udinese. Dybala rolled Roma into a 2-1 lead with nine minutes remaining at the Stadio Olimpico after being brilliantly flicked through by Romelu Lukaku, with Stephan El Shaarawy then completing the scoring in the final minute.

Real on top

Rodrygo sent Real Madrid provisionally on top of La Liga with two goals in a comfortable 3-0 win at Cadiz on Sunday.

The Brazilian winger also set up a goal for La Liga's top scorer Jude Bellingham, who now has 11 to his name this season in the Spanish top flight.

The results:

Serie A: Roma 3 (Mancini 20, Dybala 81, El Shaarawy 90) bt Udinese 1 (Thauvin 57); Juventus 1 (Vlahović 27) drew with Inter Milan 1 (Martínez 33).

LaLiga: Real Sociedad 2 (Dmitrovic 3-og, Sadiq 22) bt Sevilla 1 (En-Nesyri 60); Cadiz 0 lost to Real Madrid 3 (Rodrygo 14 & 64, Bellingham 74); Betis 1 (José 19) bt Las Palmas 0.

Premier League: Everton 0 lost to Mancheter United 3 (Garnacho 3, Rashford 56-pen, Martial 75).

INBRIEF

Aditi wins in Spain for her second LET golf title of season

Star Indian golfer Aditi Ashok dished out a bogey-free final round after a stunning back nine to win the Andalucia Costa del Sol Open de Espana tournament for her second title of the season in Marbella. Aditi's final round of 66 with a back nine of 5-under 31 saw her finish at 17-under as she beat Anne Van Dam (68) of the Netherlands by two shots on Sunday. It was Aditi's second win of the season and fifth of her career on the Ladies European Tour. She began the 2023 season with a win in Kenya in the first event of the year.

Odisha to host Ultimate Kho Kho Season 2 from Dec. 24

Ultimate Kho Kho is geared up for its second edition, scheduled to start on December 24. The final is slated for January 13, 2024 at Cuttack. Season 2 will feature India's top 145 players, including 33 young talents aged between 16 and 18. The action will be broadcast live and the fixtures will be announced soon.

Jockey Akshay Kumar suspended

Jockey Akshay Kumar, who rode Trainer S.S.F. Hassan's ward Fly Me (ended fourth) in the Shaphir Plate (Div. II) on Oct. 30th, was suspended by the Stewards of the Hyderabad Race Club from 6th Dec. to 26th Feb, 2024, for not allowing his mount to run on its merits and not following the instructions given by his Trainer.

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE FIXTURES

Tuesday: Lazio vs. Celtic; Shakhtar Donetsk vs. Antwerp (both matches at 11.15 p.m. IST); AC Milan vs. Borussia Dortmund; Barcelona vs. FC Porto; Feyenoord Rotterdam vs. Atletico Madrid; Manchester City vs. RB Leipzig; Paris Saint-Germain vs. Newcastle United;.
Young Boys vs. Red Star Belgrade (all matches at 1.30 a.m. Wednesday).
Wednesday: Galatasaray vs. Manchester United; Sevilla vs. PSV Eindhoven (both matches at 11.15 p.m.); Arsenal vs. Lens; Bayern Munich vs. FC Copenhagen; Benfica vs. Internazionale; Braga vs. FC Union Berlin; Real Madrid vs. Napoli; Real Sociedad vs. FC Salzburg (all matches at 1.30 a.m. on Thursday).

LIVE TELECAST

NBA: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 9 a.m.
Bangladesh vs New Zealand: 1st Test, day 1, FanCode, 9 a.m.
India vs Australia: 3rd T20I, Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 7 p.m.
Champions League: Sony Sports Ten 1, 2 & 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 11.15 p.m. & 1.30 a.m. (Wednesday)

Haryana to take on Punjab for the honours

The defending champion defeats Tamil Nadu in the shoot-out; Punjab outplays Karnataka in the other semifinal with the three-time champion taking a 4-1 lead in the third quarter

Leading from the front: Punjab skipper Harmanpreet scored two goals as his side rode roughshod over Karnataka. R. RAGU

HOCKEY NATIONALS

K. Keerthivasan
CHENNAI

Defending champion Haryana reached its second straight final with a 4-2 victory over Tamil Nadu through shoot-out to set up a summit clash with Punjab in the Senior National men's hockey championship here.

On Monday, three-time champion Punjab rode roughshod over Karnataka, winning 5-1 in the second semifinal, thanks to a brace from skipper Harmanpreet Singh.

Just when it appeared that a brilliant goal by Abhishek, who hoodwinked two defenders to unleash a backhander had settled the issue for Haryana in the third quarter, TN scored the equaliser with just a few seconds remaining for the hooter.

TN, which did not convert its previous three penalty corners, didn't inspire much confidence when it took its fourth PC.

But, Somanna stunned everyone when his drive went past the outstretched left leg of 'keeper Pawan into the net.

Haryana took a 3-1 lead in the shoot-out after K. Selvaraj and S. Karthi failed to find the target. Sundarapandi reduced the margin.

TN had a glimmer of hope when Haryana captain Sumit's shot was saved by custodian Senthamizh Arasu. Haryana went for a video referral, which it won, after it was revealed that Arasu had committed a foul.

Haryana was awarded a penalty stroke for the foul, which Joginder Singh converted to put his side in the final.

In the other-last four clash, Punjab had a firm hold on the proceedings against Karnataka. Though a young Karnataka team showed flashes of individual brilliance, Punjab stood its ground with a solid performance.

The match was pretty much over after Punjab took a 4-1 lead in the third quarter. Punjab last won the crown in 2021 and will be facing Haryana for the first time in the final in 13 editions.

The results (semifinals):

Haryana 4 (Sanjay, Rajant, Abhishek, Joginder Singh (PS) bt TN 2 (S. Mareeswaran, Sundarapandi) via shoot-out; Punjab 5 (Shamsher Singh 4, Sukhjeet Singh 13, Harmanpreet Singh 39, 44, Akashdeep Singh 45) bt Karnataka 1 (Abharan Sudev 18).

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Ishaan claims nine in Karnataka's win

S. Ishaan's match-haul of nine wickets (5/27 & 4/57) helped Karnataka score a five-wicket win over Himachal Pradesh (HP) in the Cooch Behar u-19 trophy match in Luhnu, HP.

The scores:

Himachal Pradesh 109 in 35.4 overs (Arpit Singh 28, N. Samarth 3/33, S. Ishaan 5/27) & 224 in 68.3 overs (Ujjawal Sharma 130, Abhinav D. Sharma 66, S. Ishaan 4/57, Dheeraj J. Gowda 3/35) lost to Karnataka 226 in 59.5 overs (Krishiv Bajaj 25, Samit Dravid 55, Dheeraj J. Gowda 37, Hardik Raj 36, Sachin R. Sharma 5/90) & 109/5 in 27.1 overs (Prakhar Chaturvedi 30, Krishiv Bajaj 35, Daksh N. Narayan 4/31).

Karnataka and Chandigarh play out a goalless draw

Karnataka and Chandigarh played out a goalless draw in a Group-C match of the Senior Women's National Football Championship at the Bangalore Football Stadium on Monday.

The results:

Karnataka 0 drew with Chandigarh 0; Sikkim 1 (Simran Gurung 74) bt

All-round show by Arush

Arush Jain's all-round effort (174 n.o. & 4/14) was instrumental in Bangalore SC's gigantic 302-run win over Palar SC, Kolar in the KSCA (Group I) under-14 inter-club tournament.

The scores:

Bangalore SC 349/4 in 50 overs (Ahan Mavinkure 25, Arush Jain 174 n.o., Rishikesh Sharma 82) bt Palar SC, Kolar 47 in 14 overs (S. Vidhat 3/12, Kush Kumar Jha 3/18, Arush Jain 4/14).

Malleswaram Gymkhana 87 in 32 overs (Rahul Jena 3/11, Nirav Shetty 3/23) lost to Palace Orchard 90 for no loss in 16 overs (G.R. Prajwal Kumar Reddy 30 n.o., S. Shahid Ahmed 46 n.o.).

Victory 284/4 in 50 overs (Debraj Nandi 47, Dhathvik 88, Shiven Gupta 103 n.o.) bt Cavaliers CC 135 in 38.4 overs (Bryan Thomas 38, Anirudh M. Bangera 25, Bimal Dhami 31 n.o., Hari P. Selvam 3/24).

Blue Diamond Cricketers 166/9 in 50 overs (S.S. Abhinav 26, Yashas Reddi Bongu 27, Dinesh Koneru 40, A.S. Gautam 3/25) lost to Engrades CC 167/2 in 26.5 overs (C. Arya 52, Nihal Malik 75).

Modern 223 in 46.5 overs (Samarth 25, Vivaan Balamahesh 47, Nischal Tuppada 48, Vidhan Loyalka 3/25) lost to Bangalore Occasionals 226/3 in 42 overs (Aayat Rahim Khan 28, Suvik Gill 90 n.o., Amarnath Reddy 37 n.o.).

Vikram 155 in 48.3 overs (P. Jeevith 32, S. Jashan 46 n.o., Krishang Sangeeta Rao 3/21, C. Chethan 3/10) lost to Sapphire CC 156/2 in 27.5 overs (Ruhaan Shaikh 56, Sangeeta Rao Sashang 64 n.o.).

Merchants (2) 150/9 in 50 overs (V. Vedanth Kumar 31, Sai Koushik Reddy 28, B. Akshay 3/21) lost to Lions 151/1 in 24 overs (R. Rohith Reddy 78 n.o., Gokhulnathan Kannan 27 n.o.).

National United 144/9 in 50 overs (P.M. Vismai 28, Vedant Shaurya 44 n.o.) lost to Rajajinagar Colts CA 145/5 in 41 overs (V. Niraj 38, Murugesh Baskar 26 n.o.).

Merchants (1) 191/8 in 50 overs (Tejas Vivek 55, Jaipreeth 28, P. Lithik Reddy 3/34) lost to RV Engineering College 192/6 in 44.3 overs (P. Lithik Reddy 25, Skandha D. Shetty 82 n.o.).

Vultures 83 in 30.5 overs (B. Romith 57, Krishna 3/26, R.K. Shwetansh 4/7) lost to Visweswarapuram (1) 86 for no loss in 13.3 overs (M. Rahul 53 n.o.).

Pacers, Padikkal help Karnataka ease past Delhi, Badoni's hundred in vain

HAZARE TROPHY

Abhishek Saini
AHMEDABAD

Karnataka's pace trio of V. Koushik, Vidwath Kaverappa, and Vyshak Vijaykumar relished in overcast conditions to set up a six-wicket triumph over Delhi in the Group-C Vijay Hazare Trophy clash at the Narendra Modi Stadium Ground-B here on Monday.

Anuj Rawat was trapped leg-before by Koushik off a delivery that snuck in on him after pitching. Priyansh Arya pocketed three fours off Kaverappa through covers.

But Kaverappa got him to loft the fourth, and Devdutt Padikkal's one-handed catch at cover got him the wicket.

Himmat Singh had to pay for his lack of footwork when Koushik had him leg-before in the fifth over. Yash Dhull arrested the slide, but it proved short-lived when he threw his wicket and nicked to the keeper off Vyshak.

Unplayable: Karnataka's V. Koushik was impressive with an incisive spell. VIJAY SONEJI

Ayush Badoni (100, 106b, 12x4, 4x6) was the only one to put up a fight and rescued his side from 47 for five.

His preferred weapon was the slog sweep which he pulled out against K. Gowtham. J. Suchith erred by offering width, Badoni swiftly slashed through point. Suchith managed to deceive Badoni with flight on 69, but B.R. Sharath bottled the stumping chance.

When pacers used the short ball ploy, Badoni answered aptly with checked pull shots while collecting boundaries of the slightly fuller deliveries.

Defending 144, Delhi struck early when Rana got R. Samarth to top edge to fine-leg in the third over. Mayank Yadav squared up Agarwal to crash his wickets.

But the early jitters provided another opportunity for Padikkal (70, 69b, 3x4, 6x6) to stamp his class. His first assault came against Rana, who he lofted over covers and then flicked over square-leg in the ninth over, clearing the rope on both occasions.

Padikkal was prompt in attacking Suyash Sharma, picking 11 from his first over which included a six over mid wicket and a punch through cover. His 37 and 57-run associations with Nikin Jose and Manish Pandey for the third and fourth wickets, respectively, put the contest to bed.

Padikkal fell with his team 15 short of the target, but Pandey and Sharath got their side home.

VIJAY HAZARE TROPHY SCORES

Group A (At Bengaluru): Tripura 258/8 in 50 overs (Bikramkumar Das 59, Sudip Chatterjee 61, Ganesh Satish 71, Jaydev Unadkat 5/35) bt Saurashtra 110 in 31.4 overs (Joydeep Dilip Deb 5/15).
Kerala 286/9 in 50 overs (Vishnu Vinod 120, Abdul Basith 48 n.o., Abhishek Yadav 4/62) bt Odisha 208 in 43.3 overs (Shantanu Mishra 92, Shreyas Gopal 4/37).
Mumbai 324/5 in 50 overs (Jay Bista 144 n.o., Suved Parkar 57, Prasad Pawar 41 n.o.) bt Railways 298/9 in 50 overs (Upendra Yadav 102, Vivek Singh 95, Mohit Avasthi 4/53).
Sikkim 131 in 47.1 overs lost to Puducherry 134/2 in 32.5 overs (Parameeswaran Sivaraman 64 n.o.).
Group B (Jaipur): Maharashtra 255/8 in 40 overs (Ankit Bawne 82, Om Dattatreya Bhosale 82, Nikhil Naik 47 n.o.) lost to Vidarbha 261/5 in 39.1 overs (Shubham Dubey 62 n.o., Aman Mokhade 61, Atharva Taide 60).
Jharkhand 339/5 in 45 overs (Kumar Deobrat 164, Saurabh Tiwary 81) bt Meghalaya 127/3 in 30 overs (Nakul Verma 42). (target revised to 220 in 30 overs).
Hyderabad 271/9 in 50 overs (Rohit Rayudu 102, Tanmay Agarwal 49, Rahul Buddhi 41) lost to Chhattisgarh 273/4 in 48.1 overs (Rishab Tiwari 65, Sanjeet Desai 47, Ashutosh Singh 45 n.o.).
Manipur 159/9 in 50 overs lost to Services 160/1 in 23.2 overs (Subham Rohilla 61, Ravi Chauhan 62 n.o.).
Group C (Ahmedabad): Delhi 143 in 36.3 overs (Ayush Badoni 100) lost to Karnataka 144/4 in 27.3 overs (Devdutt Padikkal 70).
Bihar vs J&K (match abandoned).
Haryana 295/6 in 43 overs (Ankit Kumar 115, Rohit Sharma 73, Rahul Tewatia 58 n.o.) bt Chandigarh 211 in 40.4 overs (Gaurav Puri 76).
Uttarakhand 275/5 in 34 overs (Yuvraj Chaudhary 80, Aditya Tare 73, Avneesh Sudha 50) bt Mizoram 138 in 34 overs (Vikash Kumar 80, Mayank Mishra 4/15).
Group D (Chandigarh): Andhra 112 in 31.5 overs (Ashwin Hebbar 50, Akash Sengupta 5/20) lost to Assam 114/5 in 24.2 overs (Madhav Rayudu 4/36).
Rajasthan 211 in 48.3 overs (Abhijeet Tomar 50, Bhuvneshwar Kumar 4/20) bt Uttar Pradesh 151 in 41.5 overs (Priyam Garg 46, Rahul Chahar 5/41).
Arunachal 159 in 35.1 overs lost to Gujarat 160/2 in 13 overs (Urvil Patel 100 n.o.).
Group E (Mumbai): Madhya Pradesh 177 in 26.5 overs (Akshat Raghuwanshi 62, Siddarth Kaul 4/41) bt Punjab 89 in 18.4 overs.
Bengal 84 in 23.4 overs (Sandeep Warrier 4/23) lost to Tamil Nadu 85/5 in 19.1 overs.
Baroda 299/5 in 35 overs (Vishnu Solanki 84, Mitesh Patel 75, Abhimanyusingh Rajput 62 n.o.) bt Nagaland 159/8 sin 35 overs (Hokaito Zhimomi 40).

Tushar sets up recurve men's individual title clash with Mrinal

NATIONAL ARCHERY

Sports Bureau

Tushar Shelke, who toppled top-ranked Tarundeep Rai 6-4 in the pre-quarterfinals, set-up the recurve men's individual title clash with Mrinal Chauhan, who upset Olympic quota place winner B. Dhiraj, in the National archery championships at Ayodhya on Monday.

The seasoned Rajat Chauhan got past World champion Ojas Deotale on his way to the compound men's final.

He will take on Prathamesh Jawkar, who pipped the experienced Abhishek Verma.

The results:
Recurve: Men: Quarterfinals: Tushar Shelke (AIP) bt Sunny Kumar (Miz) 6-0; Atul Verma (Goa) bt Sukhchain Singh (SSCB) 6-4; Mrinal Chauhan (Jha) bt Indrachand Swami (SSCB) 6-0; B. Dhiraj (SSCB) bt Neeraj Chauhan (AIP) 6-4.
Semifinals: Shelke bt Verma 6-4; Mrinal bt Dhiraj 6-5 (shoot-off 10-9).
Women: Quarterfinals: Sangeeta (Har) bt Kratika Bichupriya (MP) 6-2; Nikki Sharma (Raj) bt Gurmehar Kaur Grewal (Chd) 7-3.
Ridhi Phor (Har) bt Varsha Sona (Raj) 7-3; Amisha Chaurasiya (UP) bt Thohrii Sanai (Man) 6-0.
Semifinals: Sangeeta bt Nikki 7-1; Ridhi bt Amisha 6-0.

Compound: Men: Quarterfinals: Abhishek Verma (Del) bt Prathamesh Fuge (Mah) 148-146; Prathamesh Jawkar (Mah) bt Ritik Chahal (Del) 148-145.

Priyansh (Del) bt Ankit Yadav (Raj) 146-145; Rajat Chauhan (AIP) bt Ojas Deotale (Mah) 149-145.

Semifinals: Jawkar bt Verma 149-148; Rajat bt Priyansh 149-147.

Women: Quarterfinals: Aditi Swami (Mah) bt Priya Gurjar (Raj) 145-144; Avneet Kaur (Pun) bt Parneet Kaur (Pun) 146-144; Sakshi Chaudhary (UP) bt Pragati (Del) 146-139.

Muskan Kirar (MP) bt Anita Kumari (Jha) 147-140;
Semifinals: Aditi bt Avneet 148-146; Sakshi bt Muskan 146-146 (shoot-off 10-9).

Contrasting wins for Panghal and Thapa

NATIONAL BOXING

Sports Bureau

World championships medallists Amit Panghal and Shiva Thapa, who received first round byes, registered contrasting victories in their respective opening bouts of the National boxing championships at the SAI Indoor Hall in Shillong on Monday.

While Amit posted a convincing 5-0 win over Shivaji, Shiva fought hard against Abinash Jamwal for a 4-3 verdict in his favour.

Important results (preliminary rounds):
48kg: Barun Singh (SSCB) bt Jenish Patel (Guj) ABD-R2; **51kg:** Amit Panghal (SSCB) bt Shivaji (Mah) 5-0, Ankit (RSPB) bt Anchit Sharma (Del) 5-0; **54kg:** Gaurav (Del) bt Krishan Jora (Jha) 4-1, Sanket Goud (Mah) bt Priyanshu (HP) 4-1, Lalit (AIP) bt B. Rama Krishnan (TN) 5-0, Akash Kumar (SSCB) bt Anil Kumar (JK) 5-0; **60kg:** Sourav (HP) bt Smarak Rajan (Odi) 5-2, Anand Yadav (MP) bt Sanjay Kumar (Utk) 5-2, Vijay Kumar (Pun) bt Himanshu Sangwan (Chd) 5-0.
63.5kg: Shiva Thapa (Asm) bt Abinash Jamwal (HP) 4-3; **67kg:** Abhishek Yadav (RSPB) bt Gaurav Chettri (Sik) 5-0, E. Deepak Kumar (TN) bt Gyan Prakash (Cht) 4-1; **80kg:** Ashish Kumar (HP) bt Arshdeep Singh (Pun) 5-0.
86kg: Jugnoo (SSCB) bt Bobin Chauhan (HP) 5-0; **92kg:** Kanwarpreet Singh (Pun) bt Harish Singh (Utk) 5-0, S. Sampaul Raj (TN) bt Sampath MP (Ker) 4-3.

Malaala clinches the Alaindair Plate

HYDERABAD: Trainer Laxman Singh's Malaala, ridden by Ajay Kumar, won the Alaindair Plate, the main event of Monday's (Nov. 27) races.
The winner is owned by Mr. N. Adil Mirza, Ms. Nimrah Mirza Shakeebai & Mr. Mohd. Sohrab Mirza.
1. DIEGO RIVEIRA PLATE (DIV. I): CLUB QUEEN (R.S. Jodha) 1, Golden Inzio (Kuldeep Singh Jr.) 2, Urgent (Shivansh) 3 and Riffa (Mukesh Kumar) 4. Nor run: Creative Art. 1-1/2, 8-3/4 and 1-1/4. 1m 14. 25s. ₹37 (w), 17, 16 and 14 (p). SHP: 58, THP: 49, SHW: 52 and 10, FP: 296, Q: 138, Tanala: 2,397. Favourite: Riffa.
Owner: Mr. A.C. Muthiah. sTrainer: K. Satheesh.
2. WINTER STAR PLATE: ROLE MODEL (R.S. Jodha) 1, Muaser (G. Naresh) 2, Alpine Girl (Mohit Singh) 3 and China Town (P. Ajeeth Kumar) 4. 3-1/4, Neck and 2. 1m 54. 75s. ₹62 (w), 17, 45 and 56 (p). SHP: 147, THP: 76, SHW: 32 and 281, FP: 2,296, Q: 1,320, Tanala; 14, 432. Favourite: China Town.
Owners: Mr. Al Murugappan & Mr. Sultan Singh rep. Sohna Stud Farm Pvt. Ltd. Trainer: K. Satheesh.
3. DIEGO RIVEIRA PLATE (DIV. II) : DALI'S CHAMPION (Kuldeep Singh (Jr)) 1, Canterbury (Mukesh Kumar) 2, Tortilla Chip (Mohit Singh) 3 and My Master (Md. Ekram Alam) 4. 1, 8-1/4 and 1-1/2. ₹20 (w), 12, 14 and 32 (p). SHP: 35, THP: 90, SHW: 11 and 19, FP: 69, Q: 45, Tanala: 698. Favourite: Dali's Champion.
Owner: Mr. Mamidi Bhudev Dilip Kumar. Trainer: S. Sreekant.
4. BASHA PLATE (DIV. I) : BELLAQUE (A. Imran Khan) 1, Warwick (P. Ajeeth Kumar) 2, Coming Home (K.G. Likith Appu) 3 and Subha (Md. Ekram Alam) 4. 2, 2 and 5. 1m 6. 75s. ₹26 (w), 18, 18 and 39 (p). SHP: 47, THP: 124, SHW: 18 and 34, FP: 124, Q: 81, Tanala: 2,736. Favourite: Bellaque.
Owners: Mr. Sudarshan Singh Rathore Kanwar & Mr. Rishiraj Singh Rathore. Trainer: D. Netto.
5. NOVEMBER QUEEN PLATE: DELHI HEIGHTS (B. Nikhil) 1, Fatuma (Kuldeep Singh (Jr)) 2, Creative Force (Kuldeep Singh (Sr)) 3 and D Yes Boss (P. Ajeeth Kumar) 4. Not run: Sucker Punch. 2, 1-1/2 and 3-3/4. 1m 27. 99s. ₹75 (w), 15, 19 and 12 (p). SHP: 51, THP: 65, SHW: 23 and 36, FP: 450, Q: 249, Tanala: 1,317. Favourite: Creative Force.
Owner: Mr. Rohit Gupta rep. Rolli Stud Dairy & Agri. Farm. Trainer: Magan Singh.
6. BLACK JACK PLATE: TRIPURARI (B. Nikhil) 1, Angelita (Ajay Kumar) 2, Star Racer (Kuldeep Singh (Sr)) 3 and Plethora (Md. Ekram Alam) 4. Neck, 1 and 2. 1m 13. 47s. ₹177 (w), 35, 46 and 35 (p). SHP: 132, THP: 116, SHW: 44 and 68, FP: 4,257, Q: 998, Tanala: c/o. Favourite: Maximum Glamour.
Owner: Mr. Rohit Gupta rep. Rolli Stud Dairy & Agri. Farm. Trainer: Maximum Glamour.
7. ALAINDAIR PLATE: MALAALA (Ajay Kumar) 1, Soloist (Shivansh) 2, Miss Little Angel (K.G. Likith Appu) 3 and Blissful (Md. Ekram Alam) 4. ₹88 (w), 25, 20 and 45 (p). SHP: 55, THP: 104, SHW: 57 and 19, FP: 532, Q: 224, Tanala: 10,363. Favourite: Beauty Blaze.
Owners: Mr. N. Adil Mirza, Ms. Nimrah Mirza Shakeebai & Mr. Mohd. Sohrab Mirza. Trainer: Laxman Singh.
8. BASHA PLATE (DIV. II): MAGNUM (Kuldeep Singh Sr.) 1, Precious Gift (Santosh Raj) 2, Calista Girl (Shivansh) 3 and Burgundy Black (B. Nikhil) 4. Not run: Jet Falcon. 1-1/2, 1-1/4 and 1/2. 1m 7. 43s. ₹18 (w), 15, 115 and 16 (p). SHP: 522, THP: 60, SHW: 14 and 401, FP: 1,173, Q: 686, Tanala: 10,742. Favourite: Magnum.
Owner: Mr. Syed Mohiuddin Mufeed. Trainer: S. Sreekant.
Jackpot: 70%: ₹47,911 (8 tkts.), 30%: 10,266 (16 tkts.).
Treble: (i): 1,670 (20 tkts.), (ii): 1,242 (28 tkts.), (iii): 2,539 (27 tkts.).
Mini Jackpot: (i): 13,261 (5 tkts.), (ii): 11,838 (8 tkts.).

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ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in ನಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರು ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಡೌನ್ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟವರಿಂದ ಪಡೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದು.

ಸಹಿ/–, ಪೌರಾಯುಕ್ತರು
ಉಡುಪಿ ನಗರಸಭೆ, ಉಡುಪಿ

Government of Karnataka

District Minority Welfare Department, Chitradurga-577501

Stadium Road, Chitradurga. E-mail:-domcta123@gmail.com

No:MWD/Tender of Food Items/CR-64/2023-24 Dt:23-11-2023.

Tender Notice

(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal)

Tenders are invited through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal (http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) for supply of food items and other necessary materials to Minorities Morarji Desai Residential Schools/Colleges/Hostels under Minority Welfare Department of Chitradurga District for the year 2023-24 and 2024-25. The interested tenderers can access the details through the portal (http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) and submitted their tenders. (1) Last date for submission of e-tender: 22-12-2023 upto: 5.00 PM, (2) Technical envelope opening date: 26-12-2023, (3) Financial envelope opening date: 29-12-2023. DETAILS:- regarding inviting tenders for the supply of food items and other necessary materials to Minorities Morarji Desai Residential Schools/Colleges/Hostels under Minority Welfare Department of Chitradurga District for the year 2023-24 and 2024-25. Estimated Tender Amount (Lakhs) :- Rs. 258.00 EMD Amount :- Rs. 5,15,299.00. For more information contact this office or contact phone number : 0894-235134.

DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/354/2023-24

Sd/- District Officer, Minorities Welfare Department, Chitradurga

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(Government of Karnataka)

RURAL WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION DEPARTMENT HASSAN DIVISION HASSAN

Phone No.08172-261640 Email Id:eerdwsd.hsn@gmail.com

TWO COVER SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION NO: 06/2023-24 DATED : 27-11-2023

On Behalf Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Hassan Division Hassan. Has Invited the Tender for the Service for Manpower of Hassan & Other Sub-Division Taluk Approved as Mention Below, Two Cover System works RWSSD/2023-24/SE0125 (GEN) RWSSD/2023-24/SE0127 (GEN) RWSSD/2023-24/SE0128 (GEN) Above work tenders are invited Two cover system in e-procurement portal. The tender details are available in https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in From 27-11-2023 After 5.00P.M. The bidder should submitted the tender with in the dated: 05-12-2023 before 5-00 P.M. The Technical bid will open on dated:07-12-2023 after 11:00 A.M. The Financial bid of the Technically qualified bidder will be open on dated: 08-12-2023 after 11.00A.M. The Executive Engineer has reserved the rights of to cancel all tender or any one tender without giving any reason.

Sd/- Executive Engineer Rural drinking water and sanitation Dept, Hassan division, Hassan.

ವಾಸಾಸಂ೨/ಹಿಸನ/ಹಾಸನ/523/ಕೆಎಸ್‌ಎಂಎ/528/2023–24

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited

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PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Notice is hereby given to the public at large that 33kV cables running along the BMRCL viaduct and 750 V DC Third Rail laid on the viaduct section at the following locations are being progressively test charged with effect from 27.11.2023:

(i) Reach 5 Section Between BMRCL's **Infosys Station Platform to Hongasandra Station Platform** (Infosys Station Platform, Electronic City Station, Beratena Agrahara Station, Hosa Road Station, Singasandra Station, Kudlu Gate Station Hongasandra Station Platform)

Any direct contact with 750V DC Third Rail or 33kV cables could be Fatal. Hence public at large are cautioned not to enter the viaduct in these areas without authorization. BMRCL will not be responsible for any injury or casualty arising out of this unauthorized act.

This is issued in the interest of Public Safety.

Sd/- Executive Director (Traction)

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಕೈಗಾರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರದೇಶಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮಂಡಳಿ

(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಆಧೀನ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ)
ವಿಶೇಷ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ–2, (ಬಿಎಂಐಸಿಪಿ),
ನಂ. 14/3, ಸಿ.ಎಫ್.ಸಿ. ಕಟ್ಟಡ, ಮಹರ್ಷಿ ಅರವಿಂದ ಭವನ,
1ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, ನೃಪತುಂಗ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು–560001.

ಸಂ: ಕೆಐಎಡಿಬಿ/ಎಲ್‌ಎಕ್ಯೂ/4100/2023–24 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 27.11.2023

ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ದೇವನಹಳ್ಳಿ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಕುಂದಾಣ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಬೀರಸಂದ್ರ, ಬೈರದೇನಹಳ್ಳಿ, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಕಸಬಾ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ನಾಗದೇನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಒಟ್ಟು 118–37 ಎಕರೆ/ಗುಂಟೆ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣದ ಜಮೀನನ್ನು ಕೆಐಎಡಿ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1966 ಕಲಂ 28(4)ರಂತೆ ಅಂತಿಮ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಸಿಐ 198 ಎಸ್‌ಐಕ್ಯೂ (ಇ) 2023 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 07.03.2023 ರಾಜ್ಯಪತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿತ ದಿನಾಂಕ 08.03.2023ರನ್ವಯ ಕೈಗಾರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರದೇಶದ ಸ್ಥಾಪನೆಗಾಗಿ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಈ ಜಮೀನುಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೆಐಎಡಿ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ ಕಲಂ 29(2)ರನ್ವಯ ಪರಿಹಾರ ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಲು ಮಾನ್ಯ ವಿಶೇಷ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಕೆಐಎಡಿಬಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷತೆಯಲ್ಲಿ **ದಿನಾಂಕ 29.11.2023 ರಂದು ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಘಂಟೆಗೆ** ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ವಿಳಾಸದಲ್ಲಿ ಭೂದರ ಸಲಹಾ ಸಮಿತಿ ಸಭೆಯನ್ನು ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ.

"ಗೋವಿಂದಪ್ಪ ಕನ್ವೆನ್ಷನ್ ಹಾಲ್", ಕುಂದಾಣ ರಸ್ತೆ,
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ ಮುಂಭಾಗ, ಚಪ್ಪರದಕಲ್ಲು, ದೇವನಹಳ್ಳಿ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು,
ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ–562110.

ಆದುದರಿಂದ, **ದಿನಾಂಕ 29.11.2023ರಂದು** ನಡೆಯುವ ಭೂದರ ಸಲಹಾ ಸಮಿತಿ ಸಭೆಗೆ ಭೂಮಾಲೀಕರು ಮಾತ್ರ ಹಾಜರಾಗಲು ತಿಳಿಸಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/–ವಿಶೇಷ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಾಧಿಕಾರಿ–2, ಕೆಐಎಡಿಬಿ(ಬಿಎಂಐಸಿಪಿ),
ನೃಪತುಂಗ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.

ZILLA PANCHAYATH, RAMANAGARA

Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division

Office of the Executive Engineer, RDWS&SD,
Panchayath Bhavan, 3rd Floor, Ramanagara Division, Ramanagara.

Tender Notification No. : 11/EE/RDWS&SD/RMG/Tender/AE-01/JJM/1638/2023-24/Call-8 Date : 27-11-2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Rural Water Supply And Sanitation Division Ramanagara is inviting on behalf of **Governor of Karnataka State under Two Cover Bid System** as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement ACT 1999 and Rules 2000 **Standard Bid Document KW - 3** for Water Supply Works under **JJM** through e-procurement from PWD / PRED Registered Contractors as per the schedule given below.

1) Max Amount Put to Tender : Rs. 82.64 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 1,65,000.00/-. 2) Min Amount Put to Tender : Rs. 26.81 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 53,620.00/-. 3) Period of Contract : 06 Months. 4) Last Date for Submission of Tender : 12-12-2023 upto 5.00 p.m. 5) Opening of Technical Bid of the Tender : 14-12-2023 at 11.00 a.m. onwards. 6) Opening of Financial Bid of the Tender : 18-12-2023 at 11.00 a.m. onwards.

For further particulars / details may avail from the Office of the undersigned during Office hours on all working days and may visit the **Website : https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, RDW&S Division, Ramanagara.

DIPR/Ramanagar/313/Manipal/2023-24

RURAL DRINKING WATER & SANITATION DEPARTMENT

Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Bangalore Rural, Beerasandra, Devanahalli Taluk
Email-ID: eerdwsd.bngr1@gmail.com
Phone: 080-29787463 (M) 9448367736

Short-term Tender Notification No. 06/2023-24 Date: 27.11.2023/849 (Through KPP portal)

Tenders are invited on behalf of Governor of Karnataka according to KTTP Act 2000 through KPPP Portal for the work **of Drilling of Borewell at Doddaballapura & Nelmangala Taluks in Bangalore Rural District** (Standard Tender Document KW-4) Application & EMI) Payment to be done through E-Procurement Portal.

(1) Tender Schedule can be downloaded from website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** : **After 4.00 PM Dated: 28.11.2023 (2)** Pre- bid meeting: Dated: **02.12.2023, 11:00 AM** (Office of Executive Engineer, RDW&S Division, Bangalore Rural at Beerasandra, Devanahalli) **(3)** Last date for tender uploading: **Upto 4.05 PM Dated: 05.12.2023 (4)** Date of opening of Tender / Technical Bid: **At 11.00 AM Dated: 07.12.2023 (5)** Date of opening of Financial Bid: **At 11.00 AM Dated: 08.12.2023**

More details can be taken from the office of the undersigned and also through kppp portal by clicking List of Tenders which will link to all Dept. works list.

Sd/-
(S. M. Subhan Saheb)
Executive Engineer
RDW&S Division, Bangalore Rural

DIPR/CP/2288/SPAN/2023-24

Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports

State Youth Centre, Nrupathunga Road, Bangalore-560001.
Ph : 080-22215601, 22211246. Fax : 080-22215602

Tender No: DYES/SSH/212/2023-24 Dated: 27.11.2023

SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through E-Procurement Portal Only)

According to Karnataka Transparency in public procurement act 1999 and Rules 2000 the Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports is inviting tender for the Procurement of Warm-Up Shoes to Sports Hostels across Karnataka.

Sl. No.	Particulars	Tender Amount (in Rs)	EMD Amount (in Rs)
1	Procurement of of Warm-Up Shoes to Sports Hostels across Karnataka.	2,65,50,000/-	Rs.3,98,250/-

The Tender should be submitted through e-Procurement Portal (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/). Vendors need to register in the e-Procurement Portal to submit their bids online. The tender document can be viewed free of cost from the e-Procurement Portal.

1) Last Date and Time for Submission of Tender Documents through E-Procurement Portal: Date: 07.12.2023, time 16.00Hrs

2) Opening of Technical Bid : Date: 08.12.2023, time 16.30 Hrs

Additional information may be obtained during office hours at the above mentioned Address.

Sd/-
Deputy Director (Admin) and
TENDER INVITING AUTHORITY
Dept. of Youth Empowerment and Sports

DIPR/CP/2297/AKAR/2023-24

THE SPECIAL OFFICER AND COMPETENT AUTHORITY,

(UNDER KPIDFE - IMA & OTHER SCAM)

3rd Floor, Podium Block, V.V Tower, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru-560001

REVISED NOTICE/INVITATION FOR E-AUCTION FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Pursuant to attachment of Immovable properties by the Government under the provisions of the Karnataka Protection of Interest of Depositors in Financial Establishments Act, 2004 (KPIDFE Act) and pursuant to the absolute attachment order by the Hon'ble Special Court the Special Officer & Competent Authority (under KPIDFE-IMA and other Scam), is issuing notice for e-auction of the immovable property through e-auction on 'as is where is and whatever there is basis'.

The intending bidders will be required to furnish Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (as mentioned against each material lot/auction in the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only).

Short description of the Immovable Property

Sl. No.	Details of the Property (Clear Title by Court in order No. MISC No. 558/2023)	Clear Title	Reserve Price (Rs)	EMD (Rs)	Bid Increase Value (Rs)
1	All the piece and parcel of land measuring 07-00 Acres in Sy.No.53/1 of Honnidibba Village, Kittur Taluk (Previously Bylahongala Taluk), Belagavi District. East: Land belonging to Ananda Balakrishna Appugol West: Land belonging to Ananda Balakrishna Appugol North: Land belonging to Ananda Balakrishna Appugol South: Land belonging to Channamallayya Guruvaiah Google map Link: https://maps.app.goo.gl/ewbhV6RBmEPSj2v18 Latitude and Longitude:15°38'31.7"N 74°44'58.7"E	Assistant Commissioner & Competent Authority, M/s. The Krantiveera Sangolli Rayanna Urban Co- Operative Credit Society	**Rs. 84,00,000/- (Rs. Eighty Four Lakhs only)**	Rs.8,40,000/- (Rs. Eight Lakh Forty Thousand only)	Rs.42,000/- (Rs. Forty Two Thousand only)
2	All the piece and parcel of land measuring 03 Acres 21 guntas in Sy.No.60/3 of Honnidibba Village, Kittur Taluk (Previously Bylahongala Taluk), Belagavi District. East: Land belonging to Ramappa Ba. Samapamganppa West: Land belonging to Rudrayya Guruvaiah North: Land belonging to Basayya Ra. Kerematta South: Land belonging to Shankrayya Cha. Guruvaiah Google Map link: https://maps.app.goo.gl/cgXoxaSziCgGLzZLA Latitude and Longitude: 15°38'46.4"N 74°44'54.6"E		**Rs. 42,30,000/- (Rs. Forty Two Laks Thirty Thousand only)**	Rs.4,23,000/- (Rs. Four Lakh Twenty Three Thousand only)	Rs. 21,000/- (Rs. Twenty One Thousand only)
3	All the piece and parcel of land measuring 06 Acres 24 guntas in Sy.No.54/1 of Honnidibba Village, Kittur Taluk (Previously Bylahongala Taluk), Belagavi District. East: Land belonging to Chambayya Guruvaiah West: Land belonging to Aravida Havala North: Land belonging to Basappa Dastikoppa South: Land belonging to Gayarana Google Map Link: https://maps.app.goo.gl/3EX1nEA7A5UwL9YK8 Latitude and Longitude: 15°38'27.7"N 74°44'55.0"E		**Rs. 79,20,000/- (Rs. Seventy Nine Lakhs Twenty Thousand only)**	Rs.7,92,000/- (Rs. Seven Lakh Ninety Two Thousand only)	Rs. 39,600/- (Rs. Thirty Nine Six Hundred only)
4	All the piece and parcel of land measuring 02 Acres 33 guntas in Sy.No.53/2 of Honnidibba Village, Kittur Taluk (Previously Bylahongala Taluk), Belagavi District. East: Land belonging to Basavayya Guruvaiah West: Land belonging to Nagavva Basavappa Kotagi North: Land belonging to Shivayya Guruvaiah South: Land belonging to Gayarana Google map Link: https://maps.app.goo.gl/ewbhV6RBmEPSj2v18 Latitude and Longitude: 15°38'31.7"N 74°44'58.7"E		**Rs. 33,90,000/- (Rs. Thirty Three Lakhs Ninety Thousand only)**	Rs.3,39,000/- (Rs. Three Lakh Thirty Nine Thousand only)	Rs. 17,000/- (Rs. Seventeen Thousand only)
5	All the piece and parcel of land measuring 04 Acres 32 guntas in Sy.No.51/2 of Honnidibba Village, Kittur Taluk (Previously Bylahongala Taluk), Belagavi District. East: Land belonging to Chanamalayya Guruvaiah West: Land belonging to Parvathevva Guruvaiah North: Land belonging to Errayya Cha. Guruvaiah South: Sarkari Maddi Google map Link: https://maps.app.goo.gl/RpprBHRSGqztFUL36 Latitude and Longitude:15°38'34.7"N 74°45'01.6"E		**Rs. 57,60,000/- (Rs. Fifty Seven Lakhs Sixty Thousand only)**	Rs.5,76,000/- (Rs. Five Lakh Seventy Six Thousand only)	Rs. 28,800/- (Rs. Twenty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred only)
6	All the piece and parcel of land measuring 14 Acres 38 guntas in Sy.No.974 of Sattigeri Village, Savadatti Taluk (New Taluk Yaragatti) Belagavi District. East: Land belonging to Rajeshaba Chikkodi West: Land belonging to Rachayya Hirematt North: Sarkari Pada South: Land belonging to Rachayya Hirematt Google map Link: https://maps.app.goo.gl/PEvtYbL1GEiGMVci8 Latitude and Longitude: 16°02'31.7"N 75°02'37.4"E		**Rs. 97,17,500/- (Rs. Ninety Seven Lakhs Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred only)**	Rs.9,72,000/- (Rs. Nine Lakh Seventy Two Thousand only)	Rs. 48,500/- (Rs. Forty Eight Thousand Five Hundred only)
7	All the piece and parcel of land measuring 01 Acres 20 guntas in Sy.No.170/A of Balekundri K.H Village, Bagevadi Hobli, Belagavi Taluk, Belagavi District. East: Remaining land of purchaser West: Land belonging to Kashappa Kulkarni North: Naala South: Remaining land of purchaser Google Map Link: https://maps.app.goo.gl/MRUNp8YKV68DkWji7 Latitude and Longitude: 15°51'10.0"N 74°37'11.2"E		**Rs.41,25,000/- (Rs. Forty One Lakh Twenty Five Thousand only)**	Rs.4,13,000/- (Rs. Four Lakh Thirteen Thousand only)	Rs.20,600/- (Twenty Thousand Six Hundred only)
8	All the piece and parcel of land measuring 2034 Sq.ft in plot No. 01 in Sy.No.188/A7 of Kangrall K.H Village, Belagavi Taluk, Belagavi District. East: Plot No. 02 in RS No.188 of RSNO.188/A7 West: Land belonging to BUDA North: 30 ft Road South: Land of purchaser Google Map Link: https://maps.app.goo.gl/8f9WzX3G1nMqsS82A Latitude and Longitude: 15°52'42.5"N 74°29'16.1"E		**Rs.36,61,200/- (Rs. Thirty Six Lakhs Sixty One Thousand Two Hundred only)**	Rs.3,66,000/- (Rs. Three Lakh Sixty Six Thousand only)	Rs. 18,300/- (Eighteen Thousand Three Hundred only)
9	All the piece and parcel of land measuring 00 Acres 22 guntas in Sy.No.63 of Honnihala Village, Bagevadi Hobli, Belagavi Taluk, Belagavi District. East: Remaining property in Sy. No.63 West: Land belonging to Balappa Adiveppa Kengeri North: Agricultural land and then land belonging to Appa Saheb Jadav South: Kuccha Road Google Map Link: https://maps.app.goo.gl/oXPa3yVQtaMMp1Ku7 Latitude and Longitude: 15°52'06.2"N 74°37'59.7"E		**Rs. 15,12,500/- (Rs. Fifteen Lakh Twelve Thousand Five Hundred only)**	Rs.1,51,000/- (Rs. One Lakh Fifty One Thousand only)	Rs. 7,500/- (Rs. Seven Thousand Five Hundred only)
10	All the piece and parcel of land measuring 01 Acres 10 guntas in Sy.No.170/B, New Sy.No.170/3 (Phoded from Sy.No.170/A & a170/B) Balekundri K.H Village, Bagevadi Hobli, Belagavi Taluk, Belagavi District. East: Land belonging to Nagappa Pakirappa Kakati West: Land belonging to Kashappa Kulkarni North: Land belonging to Nagappa Pakirappa Kakati South: Remaining land Google Map link: https://maps.app.goo.gl/8uVrZzmsuf6EKuXKA Latitude and Longitude: 15.850844, 74.614785		**Rs.34,37,500/- (Rs. Thirty Four Lakh Thirty Seven Thousand Five Hundred only)**	Rs.3,44,000/- (Rs. Three Lakh Forty Four Thousand only)	Rs.17,000/- (Rs/ Seventeen Thousand only)
11	All the piece and parcel of land measuring 60*95= 5700 Sq.ft (including 1200 Sq.ft. cement Sheet out house), Grama Panchayat No. 95, Hindalaga Grama Panchayath, Belagavi Taluk, Belagavi District. East: Plot No.109 West: Plot No.94 North: Bhangimarga South: Road		**Rs. 3,05,84,610/- (Rs. Three Crore Five Lakh Eighty Four Thousand Six Hundred and Ten only)**	Rs.30,59,000/- (Rs. Thirty Lakh Fifty Nine Thousand only)	Rs. 1,53,000/- (Rs. One Lakh Fifty Three Thousand only)

Last Date of Submission of Bids & EMD submission	Date of Inspection & time	Date of Pre-bid meeting & time	Date & Time of E Auction
28th December 2023 until 5pm	21st December 2023 11:00am to 05:00pm	22nd December 2023, 3 pm to 4 pm Place: O/o SPLOCA, 3rd Floor Podium Block, Visveswariah Tower, Bengaluru-01	30th December 2023 11 am to 1 pm

For Registration & Online Auction, you can login to: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in (Helpdesk No: 080-46010000, 080-68948777) The interested bidders who require auction related information can contact Joint Secretary, Office of the Special Officer & Competent Authority, 3rd Floor, Podium Block, Visveswariah Towers, Dr.Ambedkar Veedi, Bengaluru-560001, e-mail ID: splocaeauction@gmail.com or Contact Mob. No 8217203930.

Place: Bengaluru, Date: 24.11.2023

Sd/-
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Certificate Award Ceremony

for **9** **New Guinness World Records set by Assam**

during the historic mega plantation drive
conducted by Environment & Forest Department

CHIEF GUEST

Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma
Chief Minister, Assam

Amrit Brikshya Andolan
PROMOTING TREE ECONOMY
An Initiative of Government of Assam

In august presence of

Shri Chandra Mohan Patowary
Minister, Environment & Forest, etc., Assam

Dr Ranoj Pegu
Minister, Education, etc, Assam

The Records

1 Longest Line of Potted Saplings | 9 September 2023

22.22-km long line of 3,22,444 poly-potted saplings of Agar and Mahogany species planted in spiral form

Veterinary College Field, Khanapara, Guwahati

2 Largest number of saplings distributed at one venue in 24 hours | 10 September 2023

3,22,444 seedlings distributed

Veterinary College Field, Khanapara, Guwahati

3 Most trees planted by a team in 24 hours
13-14 September 2023

9,21,730 saplings planted in 100 ha of land in 24 hours by Dhansiri Forest Division

Bhairabkunda Reserved Forest, Udalguri district

4 Most trees planted by a team in 1 hour
15 September 2023

3,31,929 saplings planted in 1 hour by 8,900 people of Dibrugarh Forest Division

Abhoyapur, Dibrugarh district

5 Largest potted saplings mosaic | 16 September 2023

A mosaic created from potted saplings over 8,563.01 sq m depicting map of Assam with one-horned rhinoceros at the centre

Margherita, Tinsukia district

6 Most people planting trees simultaneously
17 September 2023

1,229 girl students planted 1,229 Agar seedlings in just 58 seconds

Geleki, Sivasagar district

7 Most viewers of an environmental sustainability lesson livestream on YouTube (online) | 11 September 2023

70,490 people viewed the online YouTube lesson given by PCCF & HoFF, Assam on Environmental Conservation and Sustainability

8 Largest photo album of people planting trees (online)
9-17 September 2023

Online album of 71,82,358 photos of people planting trees uploaded online on Amrit Brikshya Andolan portal

9 Most pledges received for an environmental sustainability campaign in 1 month | 9-17 September 2023

47,28,898 online pledges taken by people during Amrit Brikshya Andolan, 2023 to plant and protect trees

29 November 2023 | 3 PM | Srimanta Sankaradeva Kalakshetra, Guwahati

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